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SUN LATEST

FIVE O'CLOCK

ANOTHER BIG FIRE

Rochester, N. Y., Suffers Loss of $6,000,000

Started in Elevator Well in Business District — Dynamite Used to Stop Its Progress—Many Explosions Caused by Chemicals

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26.—A great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city early today is still raging fiercely. Had there been even a moderately high wind, the firemen say, nothing would have prevented a repetition of the Baltimore fire. As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, as the water mains in many instances are frozen.

At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for assistance.

The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods company at 4.30. A fuse connected with the electric motor that runs the elevator blew out and the next moment flames were rushing up the elevator well. In a few moments the building was wrapped in flames. The fire spread to the Walk-Over Shoe company, just east of the Rochester Dry Goods company, and this building is entirely gutted. The fire is well under control in this direction. The fire has spread to the rear of the Granite building on Division street. The Cox building which fronts St. Paul street, on the corner of Division street, is on fire and is doomed. There have been several explosions in this building.

STARTED IN EARLY MORNING.

The fire started so early in the morning that few people were on the street, but soon thousands crowded about the fire lines that roped in the burning territory. The explosions of dynamite were supplemented by the thunder of crashing walls. All the police force of the city is on duty. Mayor Cutler and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman were on the scene shortly after it was discovered and will remain until the fire department have the flames under their control. Commissioner Gilman estimates the loss at 9 o'clock at between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000. The huge granite building belonging to Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co., the upper stories of which are occupied by hundreds of professional men, lawyers, doctors, dentists and business men, is gutted from the basement to the tenth story.

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

The entire tenth floor of the Granite building is taken up with the offices of the Vacuum Oil Co., a branch of the Standard Oil Co. A tremendous explosion occurred in the basement of the Granite building where the Sibley company conducted a large drug department. Chemicals stored there caused the explosion. There have been several mysterious explosions in the burned buildings which the fire officials cannot account for and it is said that a rigorous examination will be made after the fire.

Since 6 o'clock the trolley current has been entirely cut off and the maze of wires in the fire section has been crushed to the ground.

GREETED BY CHEERS.

At 10.07 the Syracuse contingent of fire fighters arrived. As the engines dashed through the streets from the depot the firemen were greeted by cheers from the crowds.

The distance between Syracuse and Rochester is only 90 miles but it took the firemen nearly double the ordinary time to make the trip on account of the severe cold which is delaying traffic on all the railroads in this part of the state.

The Syracuse firemen at once reported to Chief Little.

The Granite building is at the corner of Main and St. Paul streets. The building will be a total loss. Across St. Paul street to the west is another large dry goods store, Burke, Fitzsimmons, Hone & Co. The efforts of the fire department are centered on the west wall of the Granite building to prevent it falling and spreading the fire on the west side of St. Paul street. Should the fire once spread to the west side, the entire business section would be at the mercy of the flames. On the corner diametrically opposite the Granite building is the chamber of commerce building, 11 stories high.

The building occupied by the Rochester Dry Goods Co., just east of the Granite building is totally destroyed and the walls have fallen.

ASSISTANT CHIEF INJURED.

At 9.15 Assistant Chief Frank James was severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the Hahneman hospital. It is reported at the hospital that his injuries are not fatal. So far there has been no loss of life, although there have been several miraculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris.

FUNERALS

McKINNON—The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Frank McKinnon took place yesterday from her home in Hancock avenue. The funeral services were held at St. Jean Baptiste's church, Rev. Fr. Viaud, O. M. I., officiating, assisted by Rev. Frs. Campeau and Amyot, O. M. I., as deacons.

The bearers were Messrs. Paul Therriault, Archie McKinnon, Pierre Pelletier and Fred Gauthier.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

LENFEST—The funeral of Miss Eunice P. Lenfest was held yesterday afternoon from her home, 69 Belleview avenue. Rev. C. W. Huntington officiated and the bearers were P. K. Humphrey, C. F. Heddrick, Warren Hill and Leroy Riley. The body was placed in the tomb in the Lowell cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 26.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Massachusetts branch of the national alliance, Daughters of Veterans, began in Grand Army hall, this city, this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Among the matters to come before the convention is a proposed change of name to Daughters of the Civil War and a proposition to have the annual convention hereafter in the same place and at the same time as that of the state department of the Grand Army. A feature of today's session was the welcome to Mrs. Charles Harrison Brock, the state president of the Daughters. She was formerly Miss Grace M. Putnam of Leominster and was married there yesterday to Mr. Brock who, though a son of a veteran of the civil war, is now in business at Amherst, N. S., where the couple will go shortly to reside.

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JAPAN REPULSED

In Effort to Close Entrance to Port Arthur

The Old Hulks Riddled by Shells and Burned—Japanese Legation Claims The Harbor is Blocked

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The Rus this morning publishes the following from Port Arthur under date of Feb. 25:

"On the night of Feb. 24 the Japanese attempted to blockade the exit from Port Arthur bay in order to enclose our fleet concentrated within. Under convoy of torpedo boats and transports the enemy advanced four freighters in ballast at full speed to the gateway where it was intended to sink the latter vessels; but the manoeuvre was immediately observed on the battleship Retvizan which was standing in the bay before the entrance. The Retvizan at once opened fire and, after it, the batteries on the peak and those on the promontory took part. As a result, the ships with which it was designed to blockade the port were destroyed and their mission rendered unsuccessful. According to a wholly unsupported report, one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk.

"The cannonade began before three o'clock in the morning and continued until 7 o'clock. From 5 a. m., however, there were merely single discharges. The Japanese fleet at long distance answered our fire ineffectively. This evidently was done merely to cover the retreat of their torpedo flotilla.

"The enemy's squadron, consisting of ten large vessels and 17 torpedo boat destroyers which appeared yesterday about 9 o'clock in the morning, manoeuvred in sight of Port Arthur until noon and then began to withdraw and disappeared from the horizon in the morning. The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan put to sea and after an inconsiderable cross fire, returned unharmed.

JAPANESE ACCOUNT OF THE ATTACK

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation today gave out the following official despatch from Tokio, dated February 26:

"Early in the morning of February 24 four old vessels, escorted by some torpedo boats were run into the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor. The object of sinking these vessels was attained and the officers and crews returned safely. Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained as to its safety."

JAPANESE SHIPS UNDERGOING REPAIRS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The Birshewja Viedomosti says a telegram has been received from Baron Guisdurg, who has a contract for supplying coal to the Russian navy (but whose present address is not stated) asserting that 12 armored Japanese ships are now in dock undergoing repairs for their battles with the Russians.

MOVEMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON

SUEZ, Egypt, Feb. 26.—The Russian squadron from Jibuti is reported to be anchored in the gulf of Suez, 25 miles south of Suez. A torpedo boat destroyer which had already entered the canal bound north, has sailed south again to rejoin the squadron.

JAPAN'S STRUGGLE A GIGANTIC ONE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 26.—Baron Suyematsu, of Japan, who has arrived here en route to London on an important government mission, said, in discussing the war:

"It is for us a gigantic struggle and one which we tried to avoid. But Japan will send her last man and spend her last dollar in order to win.

"We have no aspirations for aggrandizement but at the same time we must look to maintain our existence as a nation."

CZAR'S MANIFESTO TO THE ARMY

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—A stirring manifesto to the army was issued by the czar today in the form of a message to Gen. Kuropatin, the commander-in-chief of the Russian army in the far east as follows:

"Although as head of the military administration since 1898 you have worked with energy and assiduity to re-organize and perfect the army your work is not yet done. The hour has come when I must summon you to head my valiant army, to defend the honor and dignity of Russia and her sovereign rights in the far east. Knowing your brilliant gifts and the imminent preparations for battle, I am glad to entrust to you the responsible command of my Manchurian army against the Japanese on your leaving your work as minister. May God help you in your difficult task, which you with such self-denial have assumed. In taking leave of you and thanking you for your six years' work for the good of my dear army, I confer on you the order of St. Alexander-Nevski in brilliants. Wishing success to you and trusting to you to transmit to my brave army my imperial greeting and my blessing, may God keep you unharmed.

"(Signed) NICHOLAS."

STEAMER BOARDED BY THE RUSSIANS

ADEN, Arabia, February 26.—A Russian torpedo destroyer stopped and boarded the British India Co's steamer Mombassa in the Red Sea Feb. 22. The destroyer fired a gun which the Mombassa disregarded, but a second shot caused the liner to stop. A Russian officer boarded the Mombassa and examined her papers, after which she was allowed to proceed.

AWAITING NEWS OF LAST ATTACK

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—1.30 p. m. The government is still awaiting details of the second night attack on Port Arthur, of Feb. 25. A long telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar arrived during the night but it dealt exclusively with the disposition of the Russian forces in Manchuria and of course, for strategic reasons, will not be published.

FRANCE DENIES A LONDON REPORT

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The French foreign office categorically denies the report published in a London paper that Korea having become the ally of Japan under the new Japanese-Korean treaty, France is thereby required to become the active ally of Russia. The officials say the situation does not warrant such a conclusion and add that the new treaty does not make the slightest change in the position of France.

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FIGHT IN SQUARE

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ASSAULTED YOUNG MAN IN MERRIMACK SQUARE

Patrick McKenna Was Assaulted

A young man in the employ of Harry T. B. Richardson, the Merrimack square baker and confectioner, was assaulted by Sandy Dunn, Congressman Ames' coachman, in Merrimack square this morning. The young man, familiarly known as "Patsy," says that the assault was entirely unprovoked. The coachman says that Patsy called him hard names and he says a repetition of the names will mean a repetition of the assault.

The assault occurred shortly after 11 o'clock this forenoon, directly in front of the Bell Clothing Co.'s store. Patsy was knocked down and with the first blow he received a bad cut over one eye. Other blows followed and although the scrimmage lasted but a few minutes the coachman succeeded in doing Patsy brown. Patsy says that he got in a few wallops on the coachman but the latter, over the telephone, said to The Sun reporter that Patsy never touched him.

When told that Patsy said that the assault was entirely unprovoked, Sandy Dunn said that such was not the case. "Without any reason that I have any knowledge of, he called me bad names and I struck him. I don't have to stand to be called out of my name," he said.

Patsy went to a doctor and had his wounds dressed and the coachman jumped into his sleigh and drove away. His parting words were: "Perhaps that will satisfy you."

The young man called "Patsy" did not want to talk for publication. He said he did not want to have his name in the paper, and he preferred not to give the reporter his last name. He declared that the assault was entirely unprovoked and that he had never seen or spoken to his assailant before today. He said he did not call him bad names.

The fracas attracted a big crowd but it was all over with and the coachman was on his way home before anybody had time to interfere. Dunn was driving away before the clerks in the store in front of where the assault occurred knew that it had taken place.

At this point in the story the writer learned that the young man who was assaulted is Patrick McKenna of Gorham street and the chances are that Patrick, alias "Patsy" will not work today.

WILL FIGHT FOR GOODS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Judge DeHaven has set aside the order of condemnation of the goods seized in the baggage of Captain William H. Harts of the engineer corps, U. S. A., last July when he arrived on the transport Thomas from Manila. The court also countermanded the order to the United States marshal to sell the goods. The order was set aside on the application of the captain's attorneys, who stated that they were not aware that the case was coming on. Captain Harts also filed a claim on the goods seized. He will now fight for the goods and the $1871 penalty imposed for smuggling.

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CARD OF THANKS—We, the undersigned, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who in various ways helped us in our late bereavement in the death of our dearly beloved mother.

Family of Mrs. Ellen Larkin.

HAM NOT BAILED

He Spent the Night in Charles Street Jail

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Wallace H. Ham, who has been held until March 3 charged with appropriating $104,000 from the American Surety company of New York, spent the night in Charles street jail, because unable to secure bondsmen for $50,000, the amount fixed by the court yesterday. Several of Mr. Ham's friends made new efforts today to arrange for the bail necessary to bring about the release of the defendant.

At the same time auditing committees of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents and St. Paul's Episcopal church from which Ham is alleged to have embezzled, pursued a further examination of the books of those institutions.

DEATHS

NOLIN—Edwin F. J. Nolin died at St. John's hospital yesterday afternoon, aged 27 years, 9 months and 20 days. He is survived by a wife, Gertrude, a mother in North Andover, and two aunts, Mrs. Burbeck and Mrs. Baldwin of this city. He was a member of Manchester Unity Odd Fellows.

TAYLOR—Miss Margaret Taylor, aged 27 years, died last evening at the home of her aunt, Miss Eastham, 13 Jewett street. Besides her mother she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Hannigan and two brothers, John and Edward Taylor, all of Lowell.

LEWIS—George Lewis died last night at the Lowell hospital. He leaves a wife, Levenia, and one sister, Mrs. Henry Allen. The remains were removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker C. H. Molloy in Market street, and later to the home of the deceased, 72 Andover street.

EMPEROR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

BERLIN, Feb. 26—Emperor William has telegraphed to Dr. Fischer, president of the Shun Tung railway, as follows:

"The news of the arrival of the first railway train at Tsinan Fu afforded me much gratification. I congratulate the management upon the success which the German spirit of enterprise has achieved in the far east and hope your indefatigable labor in China will be rewarded with further similar success.

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SILVER PRUNES ..... 15c lb.
CALIFORNIA EVAPORATED PEACHES ..... 12c lb.
CALIFORNIA EVAPORATED APRICOTS ..... 15c lb.
EVAPORATED APPLES .....10c and 14c lb.
CLEANED CURRANTS .....3 lbs. 25c; 9c lb.
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THE GUEST SUIT

Finale of Domestic Drama at Hand

COMEDY AND TRAGEDY MIXED IN

Defendant Saw Pictures of Mrs. Guest

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.--Upon that strange domestic drama known as the Guest alienation suit the curtain was rung down yesterday. All that now remains is for the foreman of the jury to speak the epilogue, and this he will do today. Those in the audience that packed the room of the supreme court were not able to classify satisfactorily that which was presented there. There was certainly much of comedy when Judge Forbes, the venerable jurist from up the state, who is presiding at the trial, interrupted a witness.

"Guest said he was full as a goat and went to sleep on the floor," testified Clarence L. Lowther, defendant in the $75,000 suit.

"Maybe he was only tired," suggested the lenient judge.

"We played poker dice," again the witness asserted.

"Ah, but surely not for money," the court made haste to interpose.

"For money, of course," declared Mr. Lowther, and Judge Forbes looked pained.

There was tragedy when Mrs. A. Royal Guest answered the question: "Do you hate your husband now?"

"Yes, I do," she replied, with flashing eyes.

On cross-examination Mrs. Guest said her love for her husband had begun to wane six years ago. She said she deceived her husband as to the true state of her feelings toward him.

"Did you go out with any other men beside Lowther during the last two years?"

"I did."

Lowther was then called. He said: "Once Guest said to me, when he did not know Mrs. Guest was sitting beside me, 'I am as full as a goat and have been with Corlane all afternoon.'"

"I went to Guest's house, and we sometimes sat up till 2 o'clock, drinking and shaking poker dice, the women joining in."

Lowther said that once, after playing poker in the Guests' room, he was unable to go to bed, because he had to sit up all night and hold Mr. Guest on a chair.

"He tried to sit on one chair," Lowther said, "but we had to get two chairs for him, and then sit up all night to keep him from falling off on the floor.

"I was never at the Guest house," he continued, "when there were any pictures taken, but at Burns' one night Mr. Guest showed me a bunch of pictures taken of his wife in the nude. He did not say anything about the pictures—just handed the bunch to me, but I recognized Mrs. Guest.

"I have never been alone with Mrs. Guest in my life. I was invited by her to her house only twice when her husband was not there."

Lowther testified that after he went to Omaha George H. Bruce advised him to come back to New York and let his wife get an absolute divorce.

"It was arranged to make evidence, and I went to Philadelphia, and after several failures, was 'caught' by two New York detectives in a hotel in Philadelphia."

"Did this man Bruce ever practise law in this state?" asked Judge Forbes.

"Yes," answered Mr. Warren. "I understand he practised here for 20 years."

The judge shook his head.

It will be recalled that Mrs. Lowther was granted an absolute divorce.

Lowther, when cross-examined by Mr. Maloney, testified that while in Omaha he made a will favorable to Mrs. Guest.

"How favorable to Mrs. Guest?" asked Mr. Maloney.

"To her boy."

Lowther said he did not give any money to Bruce to be used in helping Mrs. Guest to get a divorce. He gave Bruce a lot of money, he said.

ROOSTER'S PECKING

CAUSED HARTFORD MAN TO LOSE AN ARM.

HARTFORD, Ct., Feb. 25—Nathan S. Plumb, a Main street butcher, was tending his chickens a fortnight ago when a rooster pecked the thumb of his right hand. Blood poisoning set in and last evening the arm was amputated at the elbow.

LIQUOR SELLERS

HARD HIT IN AUBURN, ME., COURT.

AUBURN, Me., Feb. 25—Judge Savage sentenced liquor sellers yesterday afternoon in the supreme court at Auburn. Louis Caron, indicted for nuisance last fall, who fled from Lewiston and was arrested lately in Berlin, N. H., was given six months. Demetrius Ouillette of Lewiston was fined $100 and costs and given 30 days. In default of payment he will serve 60 days more. Joseph Page of Lewiston, convicted on two charges of pocket peddling, $100 and costs and 60 days, and in default of payment, 60 days additional on each case. John Raquette of Lewiston, also a pocket peddler, got a like sentence. Eugene Morin, $100 and costs or 60 days, and as common seller, 60 days. D. W. Prescott, common seller, $100 and costs.

MORE SMALL-POX CASES.

LAKEPORT, N. H., Feb. 25—Six cases of small-pox have developed here in two households. After an investigation the state board of health has decided that no general quarantine or vaccination is necessary at this time.

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THE NAVAL BILL

Meyer's Strong Plea for Battleship

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—"Don't give up that ship" was the plea made to the house today by Representative Meyer (La.), who opened the debate on the naval bill, and addressed himself to the pending amendment of Mr. Burton to strike out the provision for the battleship authorized in the bill. Mr. Meyer took Mr. Rixey (Va.) to task because in the debate yesterday he had endorsed the Burton amendment. Admiral Dewey, Mr. Meyer said, had emphasized before the committee the necessity for battleships, recommending them as preferable to cruisers.

"Is not Admiral Dewey president of the board, the recommendations of which were disregarded by the committee?" asked Mr. Rixey.

"Yes," replied Mr. Meyer, "but I would rather take Admiral Dewey's judgment than that of the board."

He stated he was in the minority, but he also was in the minority in a famous trial a few years ago and the country has endorsed his position.

Mr. Meyer, who is to offer a motion to recommit the bill to the committee with instructions to eliminate the provision for two cruisers and to make several other changes, explained that if he were to follow his own judgment and desires he would urge upon his colleagues the acceptance of the whole bill from the program.

"But," concluded Mr. Meyer, "yielding to the judgment of many of my colleagues, I am quite willing to advise a somewhat more moderate program."

Senator Gorman's announcement that the navy was "top heavy" and that there were now too many ships, guns and men, was made a text for remarks by Mr. Mudd (Md.). He believed the statement of Mr. Gorman was important in view of the senator's probable candidacy for the presidency. In Maryland, he said, Mr. Gorman had no great record for economy.

Mr. W. W. Kitchin (N. C.) said that the facts presented by Mr. Burton had not been answered in any way although his republican colleagues had "pulled" the republican platform of Ohio on him and declared him to be out of line with his party.

Mr. Kitchin named various foreign governments and asked after each:

"Are you afraid of any of those nations?"

His answer was "no." He said the only cause for fear was in the present occupant of the white house, adding "and he will not be there long."

Mr. Gillett (Mass.) said the present condition of the war between Japan and Russia justified the building program in the bill.

"We see Russia," he continued, "that enormous power, menaced and humiliated by a power not a quarter or a tenth her size. Is not the only clear reason for this because Russia's power on the sea is not commensurate with her power on land. What would Russia give today if she had followed another program for her navy during the past ten years?" asked Mr. Gillett.

The chances which Japan had to win in this war, he declared to be about even.

Mr. Brandegee (Conn.), spoke for the bill.

Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.), declared that before the war between Japan and Russia broke out Russia's navy was more than double that of Japan.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—When the senate convened today the agricultural appropriation bill was again taken up and a number of minor amendments, mostly verbal in character, were adopted.

Mr. Gallinger called attention to the appropriation of $25,000 for investigating table syrups, saying that the same amount was appropriated last year and suggesting that some results should have been announced by this time. He offered an amendment requiring that a report of progress be made to congress.

Mr. Proctor assured Mr. Gallinger that no part of the money appropriated had been used in investigating maple syrup, because it needed no investigation.

Mr. Aldrich expressed the opinion that the object of the provision was to get the approval of the secretary of agriculture to syrups produced in various parts of the country. It was like directing the kind of air people should breathe.

Mr. Bacon defended the provision. He said that much inferior syrup was made, but that in Georgia the real article was produced.

Mr. Gallinger's amendment was accepted.

JUMP IN WHEAT

High Record Mark Was Passed

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Aided by strong English grain markets, wheat for May delivery today jumped 2½ cents above yesterday's closing figure, touching $1.00 a bushel. This price is ½ cent above the high record mark made a few days ago. Heavy realizing sales caused a reaction, the close being at $1.07½, a net gain for the day of one cent. The July delivery closed two cents up at 98½ cents.

DR. BURNETT

WILL BE MARRIED TO MISS BRADY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Dr. Swann M. Burnett, the divorced husband of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, is to marry Miss Margaret W. Brady of Washington. Miss Brady has been a resident of Washington for many years, but is a native of Pennsylvania, and comes from Quaker ancestry. Her father, Jasper Brady, was contemporaneous with Lincoln in congress. The Brady and Burnett families were next door neighbors for years. Miss Brady is between 40 and 50 years of age, a gentle and refined woman, slender and possessed of a pleasing personality.

Dr. Burnett is an oculist of national reputation. For the past four years his chief happiness has been the periodical visits of his son Vivian, who is equally devoted to his father and mother. Vivian is often spoken of as the original "Little Lord Fauntleroy," but the real hero of the famous story was Lionel, the other son, who died several years before the couple were divorced. Young Vivian heartily approves of the second marriage of his father.

Mrs. Burnett soon after her divorce married Mr. Townsend, who had been acting as her secretary. He is several years her junior. They make their home in London.

NOT IN CONTEMPT

Recorder Goff Finds for Morse

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Recorder Goff ruled today that Charles W. Morse, the banker and former president of the American Ice Co., is not a lawful witness before the grand jury in the "John Doe" proceedings to investigate the divorce and re-marriage of Mrs. Constance Dodge-Morse, former wife of Charles E. Dodge, who is now under arrest in Texas in connection with this case and that Morse is not in contempt of court in refusing to answer questions put by the grand jury. The recorder discharged Mr. Morse and directed the grand jury not to proceed further with him as a witness unless a specific charge is made against some one.

KILLED HIS WIFE

YOUNG MAN WAS HANGED IN JAIL YARD.

KITTANNING, Pa., Feb. 25—Harry A. Zillafro was hanged in the county jail yard here today. The trap was sprung at 10.10 and death by strangulation followed in 10 minutes. He was cool and collected on the scaffold and had nothing to say. Zillafro was scarcely 21 years old.

The crime for which he paid the death penalty was the killing of his young wife in February, 1903. When arrested he admitted the killing, but refused to assign a reason for the deed.

ALLEGED MURDERER

SAID TO HAVE BEEN SEEN IN MONTREAL.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 25.—The arrest of Stafford, the Boston murderer, is hourly expected by the Montreal police. He is thought to be in that locality, where he has several friends. The papers print dispatches from Boston regarding the search for the murderer, and today's Montreal Star says: "Detective Rhondes of Boston, who has been searching the city for Stafford, the Boston murderer, left last night for another point here. It is said the authorities heard that Stafford has been seen. Yesterday was spent in interviewing a number of people who were acquainted with Stafford, his wife and the murdered man, Trussell, when they were giving balloon ascension performances here last summer."

TO SUCCEED HANNA

SCOTT, DICK AND PENROSE MENTIONED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—There has been considerable discussion about the probable successor to Senator Hanna as chairman of the republican national committee. The names of Senators Scott of West Virginia and Penrose of Pennsylvania and Representative Charles Dick, who is slated to be Senator Hanna's successor in the senate, are frequently mentioned. Col. Swords, who for a long time was sergeant-at-arms of the national committee, recently wrote to Senator Scott concerning Senator Hanna, saying:

"In the last conversation I had with Senator Hanna I congratulated him upon appointing you as chairman of the sub-committee on arranging for the convention in Chicago, and he said: 'Scottie, why he knows more about running a national convention than any man in the country, and he is closer to me than any friends I have. He is a great, big-hearted fellow, as good as gold and as true as steel, and I cherish him as one of my best friends.'"

LETTER CARRIERS

ORDERED TO KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In reply to a letter from a mail carrier in Indiana, Postmaster-General Payne yesterday sent a letter of instruction that no employes of the postoffice department in the classified service should participate in political conventions. The carrier asked if it would be possible for him to accept election as a delegate to the national republican convention. Mr. Payne said that officials in the classified service should not participate in primaries, and called attention to the civil service rules bearing on this question.

LEASE APPROVED

LOWELL AND PELHAM ROAD IN THE DEAL.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—The lease of three street railway companies in northeastern Massachusetts to the Hudson, Pelham and Salem St. Ry. Co., of New Hampshire was approved today by the Massachusetts railroad commissioners. The Massachusetts roads are the Lowell and Pelham, the Haverhill and Southern New Hampshire and the Lawrence and Methuen. As all the three roads have floating indebtedness, the commissioners also have approved the issue of bonds and stock as follows: The Lowell and Pelham $40,000 in bonds, the Haverhill and Southern New Hampshire $80,000 in bonds and the Lawrence and Methuen $125,000 in bonds and $25,000 in stock.

MAYOR COLLINS

WANTS METHOD OF COMPILING VOTING LISTS CHANGED.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—An earnest plea for the repeal of last year's act providing for the compiling of the voting lists of Boston by the police instead of by the city assessors was made today by Mayor Collins at a hearing before the legislative committee on election laws. He claimed that the change entailed a yearly expense to the city of $40,000 and that the work last year showed no improvement over that done under the previous plan.

CONROY WEAK

HE HAD TO BE ASSISTED TO SCAFFOLD.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.—John Conroy, convicted of killing his wife while she was asleep in their home in this city on Dec. 2, 1902, was hanged in the county jail yard today.

He was very weak and had to be supported to the scaffold. Death resulted in eight minutes from strangulation. He maintained his innocence to the last.

POSTMASTER NAMED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Geo. H. Prescott today was appointed fourth-class postmaster at Lock Haven, New Hampshire.

ONE MAN MAY DIE

Explosion in a Shoe Factory in Manchester

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 25—Two men, engineer and watchman, at the West side shoe factory, were seriously injured, and the injuries of the latter may prove fatal, as the result of an explosion of a throttle valve today. George D. Woodbury, the engineer, and Marshal Angler, the watchman, were alone in the boiler house. The engineer stepped to the boiler to open the valve and set the machinery in motion when there was an explosion, which was followed by the room being filled with steam. Mr. Woodbury made his escape an instant afterwards through a door and the watchman broke through a window. Both men are terribly scalded about the face, neck and arms, and the condition of Mr. Angler is critical. Between 500 and 600 operatives are temporarily thrown out of employment.

LEGAL WRANGLE

During Arguments at the Postal Trial

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Mr. Conrad, special counsel for the government in the postal trial, continued his argument for the prosecution today. He dwelt at length upon the question of what constitutes a reasonable doubt and instanced cases where a single juror had hung the jury through a misconception of the meaning of a reasonable doubt, when he was interrupted by Mr. Kumler, who charged that the statements were an imputation on the jury in this case. A sharp colloquy between Mr. Conrad and Mr. Kumler followed.

Resuming his remarks, Mr. Conrad contended that the counsel for the defence had admitted all the allegations of the indictment.

This brought Charles A. Douglass to his feet, who denied that this was so. After some wrangling, Justice Pritchard told the jury that they understand how the matter was and directed Mr. Conrad to proceed. Counsel attacked the statements made on the stand by Mr. Lorenz regarding his first examination of the Groff fastener in 1895 and said they were not borne out by the circumstances surrounding it.

Mr. Conrad declared that he had a personal duty to perform. He had carefully and dispassionately examined the evidence and a grave doubt had arisen in his mind with respect to the guilt of Samuel A. Groff. He had not, he said, consulted his associates about this doubt, choosing to take the responsibility alone, "but," he continued, "I cannot find in this evidence anything that warrants me in saying that it justifies the conviction of Samuel A. Groff. It was, however," he added, "fixed on his mind unalterably and clearly, that the evidence, piece by piece, had forged links which were woven into an adamantine chain which binds the other defendants to the body of this crime."

A recess at this point was taken.

MANAGER HAM

WELL RECOMMENDED FOR THE POSITION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—President Henry D. Lyman of the American Surety company said today that Wallace H. Ham had been the Boston agent of the company for nearly seven years and was highly recommended when he secured the position. The Boston branch of the company is considered the most important in the country and the volume of business which it transacts is enormous. The discovery of the embezzlement was made recently by the travelling auditor, and when Ham was accused of being short in his accounts, it is said, he admitted the wrongdoing, making a full confession to the auditor and also to the trustees of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents. The alleged defaulter also turned over all his property to the American Surety company and St. Luke's home.

POWERS' BANQUET

WILL BE BIGGEST OF SEASON IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—Representative Samuel L. Powers is getting up the biggest banquet of the season for Washington. It is to take place Saturday night and will be given by the Tantalus club, of which Mr. Powers is president. The Tantalus club was originally composed of the 55 new members of the 57th congress. Of these 31 were strong enough in their districts to secure re-election. To these is to be added all the new members of the 58th congress. The "infants" must be initiated. Speaker Cannon will be the principal joker and the event will be the chief opportunity of the season for amateur speakers. Representative Powers is in charge and has secured the largest banqueting hall in the city for the affair.

RENEWED BAIL

SANDFORD'S LAWYERS HAVE FILED EXCEPTIONS.

AUBURN, Me., Feb. 25.—The Rev. Frank W. Sandford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society of Shiloh, Durham yesterday renewed his bail of $5000 on the five indictments for cruelty and one for manslaughter which have been found against him. Fred Harding, a business man at Lisbon Falls, and Mrs. Hanna A. Perry, wife of A. K. Perry, one of the leaders of the Shiloh movement, went bail for him. His attorneys have filed exceptions to the court's ruling, in his trial for cruelty to his son, by which he was found guilty. The case will come before the June term of the law court at Portland.

LABOR LEADER DEAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—John Phillips, secretary of the national organization of hatters of North America, and well known in labor circles throughout the country, died at his home in Brooklyn today after a long illness. He was 67 years of age and leaves a widow and three children.

THE THOMAS W. LAWSON FLOATED.

CAPE HENRY, Va., Feb. 25—The revenue cutter Thomas W. Lawson, which was aground off Point Breeze, Va., was floated today and passed off the capes apparently uninjured.

HE DID GET LEFT

Constant Reader Tells Valentine Story

The following word treasure was received at this office by mail today:

Editor Sun:—

Will you please publish in your paper this note—there a man's that received 3 valentines and he went to a lawyer to have a girl arrested, he new the girl had money and he wanted to have a little of it, the lawyer told him he could do nothing with the case what do you think of a man that want have a girl arrested for sending valentine and the girl was not the one that send them dint he got left.

CONSTANT READER.

P—Sure—there words that aint write in the paper but you can correct them you can put it in the paper the way you want. I think it worth to be put in the paper.

Constant Reader can rest assured that we agree with him as to the ridiculousness of the man's actions. The very idea of him wanting to have that girl arrested—he ought to be ashamed of himself. He was a mean man, but we must have mercy upon him because we know that the greed for gold has been at the bottom of many mean tricks. He didn't care so much about the valentines as he did the money. Too much cannot be said in praise of the lawyer who told him "He could do nothing with the case." That lawyer should have been an editor—he's too honest for the law business. He's a great man and when he dies his obituary will appear in the newspapers. The man who wanted to sue that girl should die for reasons best known to himself. And to think that the girl he wanted to have arrested was not the girl who sent him the valentines, that's the best it is yet. You ask, "Didn't he get left?" and we answer "yes."

PREMIER BALFOUR

Says England Will Not Take Spanish Points

LONDON, Feb. 25—Premier Balfour, who on his first appearance today in the house of commons since his illness, was greeted with warm cheers, replying to a question, confirmed the statement made in these dispatches Feb. 20 that there was no truth in the reports that Great Britain intended to seize certain points on the Spanish coast in the event of a continental war.

The premier added that there appeared to be no truth in the rumor that Spain was mobilizing her forces, although she was strengthening some of her garrisons.

Asked by what authority it was proposed to detain at Ceylon the 325 Russian sailors rescued after the fight of Chemulpo, Premier Balfour said the sailors had sought refuge on a British warship. The government thought it would best be fulfilling the obligations of neutrality by interning the men in British territory until the close of the war. The Japanese government, however, was willing the sailors should return to Russia on giving their parole. The British government was now in correspondence with Russia, with the view of settling the question on this basis.

Replying to a question the foreign under secretary, Earl Percy, said the government was not aware of any negotiations between Germany and Russia whereby, as announced in some newspapers, in return for Germany affording Russia certain advantages during the war Russia would support Germany in regard to the Bagdad railroad question and a general question of German predominance in Asia Minor.

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY

RECEIVED IN PRIVATE AUDIENCE BY THE POPE.

ROME, Feb. 25.—The pope today received in private audience the Most Rev. John M. Farley, archbishop of New York, and conversed with him for a long time, in the most cordial manner.

The archbishop having met the pontiff two years ago at Venice and the pope remembering with satisfaction the particulars of the meeting, their conversation was carried on in Italian. Archbishop Farley presented the pontiff a generous contribution of Peter's pence in a white velvet box decorated with the papal arms in gold. The pope thanked him warmly and inquired with great interest about the archdiocese.

SUB-TREASURY

WILL JOIN BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Assistant Treasurer Marden today received the approval of the treasury department to the admission of the sub-treasury at Boston to the Boston clearing house. The new regime is to go into operation March 1.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—Noon—Money on call nominally at 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5¼.

Exchanges $200,000,239; balances $12,930,326.

TWO MURDERERS

Will be Put to Death in April

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Martin Ebolt was found guilty of murder in the first degree at White Plains today. Ebolt killed his wife and was sentenced to be executed at Sing Sing during the week of April 11.

Francis Ruffo, convicted last week of murder in the first degree for killing Special Policeman Maurice Ahearn, at New Rochelle, was also sentenced to be executed at Sing Sing the same week as Ebolt. Ahearn was slain while attempting to arrest Ruffo.

FURIOUS CANNONADE AT PORT ARTHUR

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 25.—At about 1 o'clock yesterday morning the Japanese made a desperate attempt to block the entrance of the inner harbor and dock.

With this object four merchant steamers, accompanied by torpedo vessels were sent from two sides towards the entrance of the channel. The movement was perceived by the Retvizan, which was lying in the channel, and which opened fire immediately. At the same time the guns of the forts on the Tiger peninsula and Electric Cliff were turned upon the enemy and a furious cannonade ensued lasting until 5 in the morning. Then the firing slackened and became desultory. The Japanese had failed to effect their purpose. All four steamers were sunk. They are lying in the following positions:

One behind Golden hill; one near the Retvizan; two between the entrance of the channel and the Lao Thieshan peninsula. Two of the vessels are still burning.

The cruisers Bayan and Novik pursued the Japanese torpedo boat flotilla. It is said that one of the torpedo boats was sunk.

At about 9 in the morning, Feb. 24, a Japanese squadron of considerable size approached Port Arthur and the Bayan and Novik were ordered to face the Japanese ships, which, however, did not open fire and afterwards steamed away in the direction of Port Dalny. The cruiser Pallada has entered the dock here.

JAPANESE TROOPS REPULSED AGAIN

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25—6.32 p. m.—Maj. Gen. Pflug, the chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, telegraphs as follows under today's date:

"The enemy again attacked Port Arthur from 1 to 3 a. m. and was everywhere repulsed. Details follow."

TORPEDO BOATS NOT INJURED

LONDON, Feb. 25—6.05 p. m.—The British foreign office has received an official dispatch saying that not one of the Japanese torpedo boats was injured in the attack on Port Arthur of Wednesday, Feb. 24.

PORT ARTHUR BEING BOMBARDED

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25—6 p. m.—Rumors are in circulation here this afternoon to the effect that a bombardment of Port Arthur is now going on.

JAPAN AWAITS NEWS OF BATTLE

TOKIO, Tuesday, Feb. 23—(Delayed in transmission)—Advices are hourly anticipated here of the third naval engagement which has taken place at Port Arthur. It was known that the fleet under command of Admiral Togo had been in motion, but the nature of the operation about to be undertaken had not been disclosed to the navy department. The latter admits anticipating information, but says it does not expect to receive any before Wednesday. It is thought here that Admiral Togo first attacked with his torpedo boats and then shelled Port Arthur. The opinion expressed by the foreign ministry here is however almost united against the ability of the Japanese ships to shell the place without dangerous exposure to the heavy guns of the shore batteries. The Japanese, however, are confident that the place is vulnerable at three points on the sea side and in proof of their opinions is the explosion of a number of shells in the town on the occasion of the recent night fight. The Japanese once possessed Port Arthur and they have most complete information in regard to distances and ranges. A bombardment of the place should prove highly destructive, as it is narrow and cramped. A few shells thrown over the hills into the basin holding the bay and town could not fail to do serious execution. The Japanese shells are charged with a high explosive and are very effective, and it is believed possible to render the harbor untenable for Russian warships by bombardment and force them to put to sea and fight in the open.

It is thought here that the withdrawal of Admiral Alexieff from Port Arthur and the removal of headquarters and records to Harbin is an admission of the weakness of the place and of its inability to make a sustained defense. It is believed that the Japanese intend to make a vigorous onslaught on Port Arthur. Its possession would deprive the Russians of a naval base and insure the Japanese a base for future operations on the Liao Tung peninsular.

TWO VESSELS STILL BURNING

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AFTER CHAIRMAN

The President Favors Ex-Governor Crane

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Senator Scott of West Virginia, had a long conference with the president today discussing very fully with him matters relating to national politics. Among other topics considered was the chairmanship of the republican national committee.

It can be said on the best of authority that the position of the national chairman has not been offered to anybody. Several men have been mentioned in connection with the chairmanship but thus far, the subject has not proceeded beyond the realm of suggestion.

Among the names of men proposed for the chairmanship are former Governor W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Postmaster General Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, now acting chairman of the committee; Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania; Senator Scott of Virginia and Gen. Chas. Dick of Ohio. Mr. Crane is a personal friend of President Roosevelt and one of his closest political advisers. The president desires, in the event of his nomination for the presidency that Mr. Crane should be identified in an important capacity with the conduct of the presidential campaign, but it is known that Mr. Crane hesitates to undertake the responsibility and care of directing the campaign as chairman on account of his health. He has informed the president of his feeling in this regard.

Members of the national committee have suggested that Postmaster-General Payne be selected as national chairman. The suggestion was cordially received by the president, as he entertains the highest regard for Mr. Payne's political sagacity and ability. He has been identified with the work of the national committee for many years and was vice chairman and one of the most valued assistants of Mr. Hanna in both of the McKinley campaigns. By those in most intimate touch with the situation, it is regarded as an absolute certainty that Mr. Payne would not consider seriously any proposition looking to his acceptance of the chairmanship of the committee.

Friends of Gen. Dick have advocated warmly the desirability of his selection as national chairman. He was in close official touch with the management of the last two national campaigns, was one of the most trusted lieutenants of Senator Hanna and is regarded as a notable organizer.

It can be said that no determination of the republican national chairmanship will be reached, perhaps for three months.

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Fancy Messina Lemons, 15c doz.
Sweet Navel Oranges.. 10c doz.
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10 lb. Pail Cooking Lard 85c
Very Best N. Y. Beans ..... 8c qt.
Yellow Eye Beans ..... 10c qt.

Canada Peas ..... 7c qt.
Kennedy's Soda Crackers, 5c lb.
Kennedy's Common Crackers ..... 5c lb.
Kennedy's Ginger Snaps ..... 5c lb.
Kennedy's Tea Biscuit ..... 8c lb.
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ABOUT BOB VEAL

Three Hundred a Week Sold in Lowell

It is stated that an average of more than 200 bob veals are being sold in Lowell every week. This means that the men who are engaged in the business of killing calves but two or three days old are reaping a fairly rich harvest and it also means that some of the lovers of veal are being served the meat of bob veals instead of the meat of fatted calves. Some claim that the meat of the bob veal is very injurious and it is generally conceded that it is not fit to eat.

Veals weighing less than 25 pounds have been sold to dealers in this city and they in turn have sold them to their customers for fatted veal. A veal that is properly fattened will weigh from 90 to 140 pounds, and while the fellow who orders veal for his dinner may not know the difference between the unnourished and the fatted calf, the dealer does and he is not in the business for his health. The keepers of restaurants and boarding houses should know the difference between bob veal and fatted veal, but so long as their customers don't kick the bob veal will be dished out. The difference in the price of bob veal and fatted veal is about 10 cents a pound; a handsome item for the restaurant and boarding house keepers to consider. Bob veal costs 5 cents a pound and fatted veal sells for about 15 cents a pound.

Some of the men who make a business of trading in bob veals are not overburdened with high principles, and if a cow dies while her calf is in its second or third hour, the bob veal man looks wise and kills the calf. He sends it to the market and the market man sells it to his customers. A man who has been in the meat business for years said to a Sun reporter a few days ago that there is more bob veal being sold in Lowell at the present time than ever before. He had no hesitation in stating that bob veal is not fit to eat.

"I know," he said, "that the calves of diseased cows have been sold in Lowell and I believe they are being sold today. The man with the meat market or the restaurant man that cannot get along without dealing in bob veal should go out of business. I claim that it is dangerous stuff to handle. The law relative to bob veal should be strictly enforced and it is up to the board of health to enforce it. Selling bob veal is the surest way I know of to spread tuberculosis, a disease which is becoming alarmingly prevalent.

Sections 71 to 76 of chapter 56 of the revised laws deal with the killing and sale of bob veal:

Section 71- The board of health may inspect all veal found, offered or exposed for sale or kept with the intent to sell in its city or town and if, in its opinion, said veal is that of a calf less than four weeks old when killed the board shall seize and destroy.

Section 74 Whoever kills or causes to be killed or knowingly sells, offers or exposes for sale or has in his possession for intent to sell for food the veal of a calf killed when less than four weeks old shall be punished by a fine not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 75—The board of health for the city or town in which any animal or property has been condemned under the provisions of sections seventy and seventy-one may cause a description of the place in which such condemned property was found, the name of every person in whose possession it was found and the name of every person convicted of any offence under the provisions of the two preceding sections to be published in two newspapers published in the county in which such property was found.

BIG RISE IN PROVISIONS.

A local provision dealer said to The Sun reporter this afternoon: "You should say something in The Sun about the price of provisions and vegetables these days so that those who are boarding out will know that the boarding masters are not getting rich on them at the present time. For the first time in a long time apples, potatoes, squash and cabbage are the same price, $3 per barrel, take them or leave them. This is in advance of the regular prices of these commodities and it is seldom that one finds them selling at the same price. Lobsters are 36 cents per pound at wholesale and oysters are higher than ever before in 22 years. Fish is both high and scarce. Meat is about at the normal price except veal, which has gone up."

DANGEROUS BLAZE

Strong Odor of Kerosene Oil Detected by Firemen

An alarm from box 113, shortly before two o'clock, this afternoon, summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a room at 39 John street, the property formerly belonging to the Boott corporation but now owned by Salman Sirk. The fire was discovered in the nick of time, or the firemen might have had a fierce battle on their hands. There is also a mystery surrounding the fire as considerable kerosene oil was sprinkled around the closet where the fire started and on the carpet in front of the closet, but whether the presence of the kerosene was accidental or not will be investigated.

One of the occupants of the house who has a room on the fourth floor while rocking her baby to sleep detected a strong odor of smoke and she at once made a hasty examination of the rooms on that floor. She saw a cloud of smoke ascending the stairway and ran down stairs. There smoke was issuing through the apertures in the door of room 3 on the third floor. She notified the manager of the boarding house and some other person pulled in the alarm.

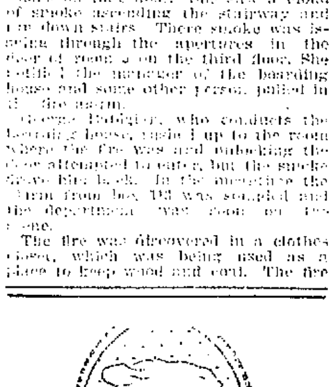
George Baldigian, who conducts the boarding house, rushed up to the room where the fire was and unlocking the door attempted to enter, but the smoke drove him back. In the meantime the alarm from box 113 was sounded and the department was soon on the scene.

The fire was discovered in a clothes closet, which was being used as a place to keep wood and coal. The fire was burning briskly and had communicated with the carpet. After a line from the chemical had been run into the room the fire was extinguished.

Chief Hosmer in looking over the closet detected a strong odor of kerosene oil, and a further examination brought to light the fact that the wood pile in the closet was well saturated with oil, while a portion of the carpet also smelled strongly of oil. The manager of the house said that a woman named Mary McKiernan, who worked in the Massachusetts mill, occupied the room and that she was in there at noon, but that there had been no person in the room since a few minutes before 1 o'clock. The assertion seemed rather strange, for in the room was a small wood stove, and the fire in it appeared to be recently started. Mr. Baldigian, who is an Armenian, first told one story and then another and the chief and several police officers who were on the scene had hard work trying to get what looked like a plausible statement from him.

While he said that the room was occupied only by the woman, there were pipes and tobacco lying on a dresser, while men's collars and neckties were also in evidence, to say nothing of a razor and strop and other things used only by men. Baldigian when first questioned by Chief Hosmer said that when the fire was first discovered three or four men, who were neighbors, broke into the room and tried to extinguish the fire, but later he acknowledged that he unlocked the door with a key which unlocks every door in the house.

The damage will not be great owing mainly to the fact that the wall in the rear of the closet is of brick, and this alone kept the fire from spreading.



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FELL FROM LADDER

And Then His Boss "Fired" Him

George Reed, aged 19 years, limped into the office of Secretary Courtney this afternoon with a truly hard luck story which once again reminds us of man's inhumanity to man.

Young Reed, whose home is in Wilton, N. H., struck a job yesterday working for a farmer in Tewksbury and toward evening while working on a high ladder he fell off, landing on his knee. During the evening he did not find any very serious results of his accident but later in the night it began to trouble him, while his leg swelled considerably.

This morning he was unable to move his leg and so informed the farmer, but the latter told him that if he could not get up and go to work he would have to get out and advised him to go out on the highroad and ask some passing farmer to drive him to Lowell.

Young Reed being a stranger did not know of the existence of the state hospital only a few hundred yards away, and the farmer did not enlighten him as to it. The young man, therefore, dragged himself to the road and in a temperature slightly above zero waited half frozen until noon when a farmer came along who drove him into Lowell.

Sec. Courtney said things under his breath concerning the man who advised the young fellow to come way in to Lowell only to be sent back again for having no legal residence here. The boy will have to go to the Tewksbury hospital, but his return trip was much more comfortable for the ambulance took him to the depot and he rode to Tewksbury by train. It is believed that he has dislocated his knee cap.

SCHOOL HOUSE

The Education Committee Will Meet Friday

AND MAKE THE FIRST MOVE

For Erection of New School in Centralville

The committee on education is to meet Friday evening at city hall at eight o'clock, having been called today by Chairman Gallagher and it is the latter's intention to begin work at once for a new school building in Centralville on the lot on Ennell street recently purchased by the city.

It is Chairman Gallagher's intention to have the committee introduce an order in the city council providing for the erection of a 12-room brick schoolhouse in Ennell street at a cost of about $70,000. Mayor Howe in his inaugural made the following reference to the new school:

"The call for a new grammar school in Centralville of 12 rooms at least is imperative and should be heeded. In the plans for this school building provision should be made also for a symmetrical and convenient enlargement, certain to be required in the future. The land was purchased last year and is ready for the school. Let the money for this school be appropriated early in the year so that the construction of the school house can be begun in the spring."

With the land already purchased, the mayor in favor of speedy action in the matter and the estimated cost only a little in excess of the average cost per room $5000, it is quite likely that the new school house loan order will get through without much opposition.

CARS ARE LATE

Tracks are Blocked by Snow Drifts

The street railway has troubles of its own today and while the majority of the local lines are running on schedule time the majority of the suburban lines are running anywhere from five to 20 minutes late. The cause of the trouble is the same as that which tied up the cars last week, the snow drifting into the tracks faster than it can be shoveled out. Large gangs of men are at work on the lines as well as snow plows, but the wind and snow are holding the upper hand at the present time.

There have been but one or two cars from Lawrence today, these coming up early in the morning. From 8 o'clock until the time of going to press this evening there was not a car coming into this city that connected with either Lawrence or Haverhill on the Boston & Northern line or the Pelham line. The Pelham line is all to the bad, one of the snow plows being derailed between this city and Pelham while a good portion of the rail is covered with snow which has drifted from the hillsides. Between Lowell and Lawrence on the Boston & Northern line the drifts are in practically the same places as they were during the last storm.

The Nashua line is running late, as is the Medford line and the line between this city and Chelmsford Centre.

WILL VISIT HOOD'S FARM.

The students and professors of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture will visit Hood's farm next Saturday. They number about 50. They will leave Durham, N. H., in the morning and arrive in Lowell about 11 o'clock on a special electric car. They will be met at the end of the Andover street line by conveyances from the farm and will be entertained for the rest of the day by Supt. Dodge.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Miss Anna Donohoe in Hudson street, last night, a large number of her friends having gathered to enjoy a pleasant evening and incidentally surprise the hostess. Games were played while a fine musical and literary program was carried out, and refreshments were served. The hostess was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

FUNERALS

MULLEN—The funeral of the late Emily B. Mullen took place from her late home, 581 Bridge street, this morning, at 8.30 o'clock, and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church in Sixth street, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The choir under the direction of Mr. Thomas P. Boulger sang the Gregorian mass and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by members of the choir. There were many beautiful floral offerings in evidence.

The bearers were Messrs. John McFarland, Charles Noble, Joseph Lantagne, George DesHetts, John Carter and John Maguire. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the last sad rites of the Catholic church were solemnized by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy.

McGRATH—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary McGrath took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her late home, 1 Fulton street, off Willie street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. John J. McHugh, and the choir under the direction of Mr. Michael J. Johnson sang th Gregorian mass. During the service appropriate selections were rendered by the members of the choir.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence, among which were a sheaf of wheat and a spray of roses from the family of the deceased.

The bearers were Messrs. James Mills, Andrew Shanahan, Daniel Monahan, Maurice Fitzgerald, John O'Brien and Dennis Rogan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. McHugh. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter H. Savage.

DEATHS

STAKEM—Agnes G. Stakem, aged 20 years, died this morning at the Cottage hospital in Lawrence. The body was brought to this city by Undertaker Charles H. Molloy and later taken to the home of the deceased's sister, Miss Margaret Stakem, 92 Wannalancit street. Besides her sister, the deceased leaves one brother, James, of Lawrence.

GROGAN—Stephen Grogan, aged one month and 11 days, child of Michael and Annie, died this morning at the home of his parents, 3 Riverbank, off Lakeview avenue.

HOBBS—Miss Minnie H. Hobbs, for several years a resident of Lowell, died at her home, Knowlesville, New Brunswick, Feb. 20, aged 23 years. She died of consumption and was sick a little over a year. While in this city she was a member of the Fifth Street Baptist church.

FITZGERALD—John W. Fitzgerald, the well-known foreman for the Stanley Transfer company, died this afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. H. Donovan, 9 Hampton avenue, off Walker street. Besides his sister he is survived by a mother, Honora, and two brothers, Daniel T. and James.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—The meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Educational association which has been in session here this week, closed today. Today's topics, "Administration and Supervision" and "The Management of Special Departments" were discussed by William H. Maxwell of New York City; L. D. Benebrake, Columbus, Ohio; Miss Alice Reynolds, New Haven, Conn.; C. N. Kendall, Indianapolis, Ind.; Charles Foss, Reading, Pa.; and Miss Evangeline Whitney, New York city.

The next meeting will be held in Milwaukee.

HEAVY VERDICT

Largest Damages Ever Assessed St. Railway

A climax in keeping with the sensational beginning of the Hutchinson suit against the Manchester street railway, says the Manchester Union, was reached when the opening of the verdict took place in superior court on Tuesday morning, disclosing the largest damages ever assessed upon the defendant corporation. The jury after deliberating an hour and ten minutes, decided that $8000 would be a just compensation to Mr. Hutchinson for the injuries he received in the collision of June 26, 1902.

The Hutchinson case stands alone in Hillsborough county, if not in New Hampshire, court records for unusual features. Never before was such a motion filed as the second one of Mr. Burroughs, and a withdrawal from a case was never attended with exactly similar methods as those adopted by the counsel for the street railway. And never before did a trial with so much involved run more smoothly after it had once begun, as there was no semblance of a cross examination of the witnesses put on by the plaintiff, nor was there any evidence in rebuttal.

The case has aroused unprecedented interest and discussion among the legal fraternity of the city and state and the next move is awaited with unabated curiosity. It is held by some of the lawyers that there is no means of carrying the matter to the supreme bench, in view of the default of the defendant, but others do not share that opinion. These latter lawyers say that it is the right and duty of the supreme court to review all matters passed upon in the lower court. It is generally understood that the case will be taken to the supreme court.

LAWYER DAVENPORT

WILL BE QUESTIONED BY THE LABOR PEOPLE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Daniel Davenport of Bridgeport, Conn., representing as an attorney, the American Anti-Boycott Association, the Chicago Building Trades Council and the National Builders' Trades association, made an extended argument before the house committee on judiciary today against the Grosvenor bill to limit the meaning of the word "conspiracy," and the use of restraining orders and injunctions. Mr. Davenport stated that he was associated with James H. Beck who presented an argument to the committee yesterday along the same line. The judiciary committee room was filled with the friends and opponents of the measure. Mr. Davenport is to be questioned by the representatives of labor, who favor the bill, at the conclusion of his general argument. He began by stating his objection to the bill. He said it would make lawful agreements between associations of employers and labor unions by which a non-member of either body would be excluded and boycotted; in certain respects, it would make lawful "Sam Parksism" because extortion which he declared was practised by members of such combinations as he had referred to, would be legalized by the passage of the bill; it would take away from the states the right to declare criminal acts like the boycott.

PANAMA CANAL PAYMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Secretary Shaw of the treasury department was at the sub-treasury today where he received a number of callers, including E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems; Isaac N. Seligman of the J. & W. Seligman company; James Stillman, president of the National City bank and Valentine P. Snyder, president of the National Bank of Commerce. Respecting the Panama canal payment the secretary said that no call will be issued to the depository banks for payments of the $50,000,000 involved until the attorney general had passed upon the validity of the Panama canal company's title.

PRESENTED A BRACELET.

A number of friends of Miss Sadie Deane gathered at her home, 63 C street, last night, and spent an enjoyable evening. Games were indulged in and refreshments were served. During the evening Mr. George Dow on behalf of the friends present presented the hostess with a beautiful gold bracelet. The party broke up at a seasonable hour.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Cotton futures opened steady. Mar., 13.73; April, 13.95; May, 14.15; June, offered, 13.96; July, 13.95; Aug., 13.52; Sept. 12.00 bid; Oct., 11.55; Nov., 11.10 bid; Dec. 11.30 bid.

CAUGHT IN THE ICE.

LOUISBURG, C. B., Feb. 25—The steamer Glencoe of the Reid line from Placentia, N. F., is three days overdue here. It is feared she has been caught in the ice.

KICK AND SCREAM

Baby's Awful Suffering from Eczema.

Could Not Hold Her. She Tore Her Face and Arms.

Cuticura Saved Her Life, So Mother Says.

"When my little girl was six months old, she had eczema. We had used cold creams and all kinds of remedies, but nothing did her any good, in fact, she kept getting worse. I used to wrap her hands up, and when I would dress her, I had to put her on the table for I could not hold her. She would kick and scream, and when she could, she would tear her face and arms almost to pieces. I used four boxes of Cuticura Ointment, two cakes of Cuticura Soap, and gave her the Cuticura Resolvent, and she was cured, and I see no traces of the humour left. I can truthfully say that they have saved her life, and any one suffering as she did, I should advise them to give Cuticura a fair trial." MRS. G. A. CONRAD, Lisbon, N. H., Feb. 7, 1898.

Five years later, viz., Feb. 23, 1903, Mrs. Conrad writes:

"It is with pleasure that I can inform you that the cure has been permanent as it is now six years since she was cured, and there has been no return of the disease since, and I have advised a lot of friends to use the Cuticura Remedies in all diseases of the skin."

Instant relief and refreshing sleep for skin-tortured babies, and rest for tired, fretted mothers, in warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure and purest of emollients, to be followed in severe cases by mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent. This is the purest, sweetest, most speedy, permanent and economical treatment for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, crusted and pimply skin and scalp humours, eczemas, rashes and irritations.

Sold throughout the world. Cuticura Resolvent, 50c. (in form of Chocolate Coated Pills, 25c. per vial of 60), Ointment, 50c., Soap 25c. Depots: London, 27 Charterhouse Sq.; Paris, 5 Rue de la Paix; Boston, 137 Columbus Ave. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Proprietors. Send for "Cuticura Skin Book."

WANTED

THE GREAT BARGAIN PLACE in Lowell for shirts and shirt waists and full suits is the Highland Remnant Store, 30 Pine street; take the Westford street car; a full line of regular 50c mercerized vestings and ottomans for 39c per yd.; also mercerized cheviot, regular price 35c, for 23c to 29c per yd.; regular 37c mercerized Sea Island for 21c per yard.; also Baraby ginghams, flannelettes and vestings in bundles by the pound; it will pay you to see these bargains before purchasing elsewhere; also boot and shoe repairing done at lowest prices; drop us a postal card and we will call for and repair and deliver the goods without any extra charge.

WANTED—Dress making, children's clothing a specialty. Apply Mrs. J. M. Brown, 157 Appleton street, Lowell.

WANTED—For cash, a place 6 to 20 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 6 to 9 p. m.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Gentleman's fob chain Wednesday between Broadway and Crystal lake. Reward at 17 Schaffer street.

LOST Pocketbook marked G. F. M. containing a small sum of money and trading stamps. Reward for its return to Sun office.

LOST 1890 class ring near corner of Tyler and Lawrence streets. Finder rewarded at 2?3 Lawrence street; reward P. A. Kane.

FOUND—A seal skin muff at Bartlett & Dow's store. Owner can have by paying for adv.

FOUND—Wedding ring which I will return to the rightful owner. S. Scott, jeweler, 31 Central street.

LOST—Saturday afternoon on Pawtucket car or on Woodward avenue, pocketbook containing $5 bill and change, also papers. Reward at Sun Office.

LOST—Sunday, black and white fox terrier dog; will answer to the name of Spot. Finder return to 116 Church St. and receive reward.

LOST Lady's steel bag Saturday evening containing $23 and pair rosary beads, between Kennedy's butter market and Church street. Finder leave at James Dalch's grocery store for reward.

LOST—A pocketbook between old Meadow road and Varnum avenue. Reward at Sun office.

LOST—Bunch keys yesterday afternoon between Highland school and Ginter grocery store. Finder please leave at Sun office and receive reward.

LANDLORDS.

If you have a tenement idle that rents for $15 a month, you are losing 50 cents a day every day it is vacant. A little ad. in The Sun "To Let" column will rent your tenement in a very few days. Others have tried it with good results why don't you try it?

SPECIAL NOTICES

RAILWAY MAIL and custom house examinations soon to take place. Send for circular. Room 16, No. 65 Merrimack St.

MISS M. COGNAC, 28 Aiken street, room 23—Cloak and dress maker; perfect work and fitting guaranteed and at moderately low price.

DOUBLE STAMPS, Light Blue, all this week; 100 with Baking Powder; 40 with Tea and 20 with Coffee. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable, the Justices of the Superior Court, within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents William L. Sheridan of South Framingham in said county, that he was lawfully married to Ellen M. Sheridan, now of parts unknown, at Southboro, said commonwealth, on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1897, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Ellen M lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at South Framingham, said commonwealth that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Ellen M. being wholly regardless of the same, at South Framingham on or about the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1900, utterly deserted your libellant and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Ellen M. also there was born to your libellant of this marriage, Evelyn M. Sheridan, September 19th A. D., 1898, and your libellant prays that said minor child may be committed to his care and custody.

Dated this 13th day of February, A. D. 1904.

WILLIAM L. SHERIDAN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, Feb. 24, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices at said Court, at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of April next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Second hand for twisting room, must be a first class man; wages $2.50 per day. Address Jay Beede, Arnold Prints Works, No. Adams, Mass.

WANTED—Two farm hands, experienced milkers; two teamsters; woman in country. 46 Merrimack street. Tel. 943-2.

WANTED—An experienced saleslady of good address. Only those who can furnish the best of references need apply at rooms 2 and 3 Associate building.

WANTED—Experienced table girl Clam Shell 544 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A good man on the farm or man and wife. S. P. Pike, corner Middlesex and Howard street.

WANTED—A coal and wood teamster. Inquire at Sun office.

EARN $50 TO $100 monthly corresponding for newspapers; $5 a column for work in spare time; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, room 301, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—A clerk thoroughly posted in the paint business. Address with references L. M., Sun office.

WANTED—Salesmen, salary and commissions; large sales and big profits. Call the Arlington house, room 25, Lowell, 6 to 9 p. m.

WANTED—An experienced cook at the Quincy house, 53 Lee street.

TO LET

TO LET—House, barn and land; also for sale, beach wagon in good running order, two tons of hay and about 11 cords of manure, lots of hen netting. Inquire A. Branchaud, 25 Hadley street, Middlesex Village.

TO LET—Best located room in city for one or two; modern conveniences. Also smaller room, reasonable. No. 271 Gorham street, opposite Court House.

TO LET—Two unfurnished rooms, hot and cold water, use of bath, also use of stable if desired. Inquire 260 Pine street.

TO LET Carpenter shop, 2000 feet floor space, 29 Middle street, second floor. Apply to C. J. Connell at J. W. Bennett & Co.'s office, 561 Middlesex street.

TO RENT—A lovely four room tenement, good location. ?? G. P. Walker, 561 Middlesex street.

TO LET A 6 room tenement with all modern improvements. Apply at 227 School street.

TO LET—Queen street, three rooms, $7; Concord street, five rooms, $8; Centralville, five rooms, $7.50; two rooms, $4.50; other tenements and stores to rent. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 611 Broadway; rent low.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—By young man of good address, employment of any kind in city; will give $5 to anyone obtaining me good position. Address B. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in small family as housekeeper, no objection to country. 130 Ford street, near Moody street.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 89 Crosby street.

NURSE—Capable, experienced, can be obtained at reasonable terms at 35 Jones avenue, Dracut Centre.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE Six room ocean view cottage on three years' time, wide piazza, can see 500 ships pass every day, price $275, $125 down and $50 a year for 3 years at 5 per cent. interest; building lots 40x80 feet also, one-seventh for $59. Address Box 335, Lowell.

POULTRY

POULTRYMEN—To make hens lay feed green cut bone; nothing like it; cut fresh daily. Adams Supply Co., 40 Middlesex street, room 18, Lowell.

FOR SALE

LOOK—One of Edison's phonographs, large horn, stand and over 30 records, as good as new, price $24, cost over $50. Apply 11 Mill street, Mr. Duffy, top flight.

FOR SALE—Democrat wagon and square wagon, nearly new, also second-hand wagon, travers runners. Apply 286 Thorndike street. Salois & Leith.

FOR SALE—16-foot, naphtha launch, cheap; good condition. Inquire 22 Olive street.

FOR SALE—One nearly new pung, one good light sleigh, cheap for cash. 50 Eighteenth street.

FOR SALE—A square piano, cheap, easy payments, room 15, 65 Merrimack street.

FOR SALE—New milch Jersey cows. Apply A. Fells, 989 Lakeview avenue.

LAUGHING WATER, Bedelia, Pretty Little Dinah Jones, Just Kiss Yourself Goodbye, Oh, Didn't He Ramble, and 100 other popular songs, with music, postpaid for 10c. Address Albert Brooks, 2140 Fifth avenue, N. Y.

FOR SALE—A boarding house, rooms all occupied at present, at 238 Appleton street; if sold at once will let it go at $150; there are 12 rooms in the house and all furnished; sickness the only cause for wanting to sell. Inquire at 238 Appleton street.

FOR SALE—Very large boarding and lodging house, centrally located, very near P. O., all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas, best location in city; doing big business at present. Further particulars at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Drug store, centrally located, well stocked. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good double travers runner sleigh. Inquire at 25 Cross street.

FOR SALE—Fine double sleigh, built to order, nearly new; owner having no further use for it will sell cheap. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 24 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 35c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack St.

MISCELLANEOUS

270 BRIDGE STREET, White Sewing Machine Co.—Ladies, before buying try our Automatic drop machine; we have several other makes; you are sure to get suited; good second hand machines on hand; give us a call.

TRADING STAMPS GIVEN AWAY—We are giving 80 with our 60c tea, 60 with our 50c tea, 30 with our 35c coffee; we have hundreds of ladies tell us that our tea and coffee are the best in the city; come and try it; one cup will convince you; also we have fresh creamery butter every week. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., Davis square.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 81 Merrimack St., corner John.

GLORIA is the greatest family beverage; gives weakly, nervous women vigor and health. Boyle Bros., agents. Tel.

MADAM LENORE—Clairvoyant card reader; also gifted with drawing power. 71 Tyler street.

MME. WATSON EMERSON—Clairvoyant and psychological readings at 474 Central street, also instruction in elocution and physical culture.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner Store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION!—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Cadien, at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1061 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second-hand bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1123 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 281 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co's, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack St., opp. City Hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people, easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 23 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinins, room 3, Barristers hall.

JAPAN'S SECRECY

A Conspiracy of Silence Pervades the Entire Nation

Russian Claims are Not Credited—Japanese Cruisers are at Shanghai—Alleged Cruelty to Japanese Refugees

LONDON, Feb. 26.—War correspondents and Europeans in Japan, commenting in amazement upon the success of the Japanese officials in preserving secrecy regarding all the operations of war, declare this conspiracy of silence is not only confined to government and service circles, but that it extends to every section of the country. All classes of people are submitting with marvelous patience to being deprived of news, which they recognize as imperative to the success of the national cause. It is undoubtedly in pursuance of this policy that no Japanese account of the Port Arthur attacks has yet been published and none is expected until Admiral Togo has completed his designs there.

In the meantime if the report from Yin Kow of a Japanese landing near Vladivostok, which at present is based on missionary and native statements, should prove correct a most important and new development in the Japanese operations will have been revealed as it points to an attack on Vladivostok, from which Possiet bay is only a little over 70 miles distant.

The report that the railroad has been cut between Harbin and Vladivostok may possibly be connected with these operations, but until more reliable information is forthcoming this report must be received with reserve. It has already been reported from Tokio that certain Russian forces were concentrating at Possiet bay.

No further news of an attack at Port Arthur after the engagement in which the Japanese attempted to sink vessels in such a manner as to block the harbor entrance, has reached London. Almost all the English newspapers in discussing Viceroy Alexieff's reports incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded in so far as to make the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free for smaller craft, and presume that the reported second attack, if it did occur, was devoted to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

The Morning Post today devotes a long editorial article to an historical record of the rapid growth of American activity in far eastern affairs, comparing the present attitude of the United States with her passive interest in the Chino-Japanese war. The paper remarks on the notable pro-Japanese feeling in the United States, after such a long traditional friendship with Russia and contends that American friendship for the empire was always artificial. Admiral Dewey's guns, the paper continues, literally shattered the superstitution that Russia was the appointed friend and Great Britain the appointed enemy of the United States.

"We believe," the Morning Post concludes, "that the appearance of America is a working element in international affairs and her unmistakable hostility to Russia, is destined to become epoch-marking if not epoch-making."

TEN NURSES GOING TO JAPAN

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—The Philadelphia branch of the Red Cross society, independent of the national society, will send ten nurses to Japan in charge of Dr. Anita H. McGee of Washington. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Philadelphia association held in Independence hall yesterday, when a resolution was adopted binding the local association to raise a fund of $5000 by voluntary contributions on condition that the expedition will go under the auspices of the Philadelphia society. The selection of the nurses will be left to Dr. McGee. Only those who have seen service in war will be accepted. The nurses will be under the direction of the Japanese government which has already accepted the services of the Red Cross society.

KUROPATKIN HONORED BY THE CZAR

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The czar has conferred upon General Kuropatkin the diamond insignia of the Order of St. Alexander-Nevski.

Lieut. General Fulton, assistant governor-general of Warsaw has been appointed prefect of St. Petersburg. This appointment was wholly unexpected.

RUSSIAN CLAIMS NOT CREDITED

CHEFOO, Feb. 26.—Circulars from Russian sources have been printed in the Chinese language and distributed here belittling the successes of the Japanese and exaggerating those of the Russians.

It is stated on the authority of those close to the Chinese that at the first success of the Japanese army the Chinese will join the Japanese with the hope of driving all foreigners out of China.

A Russian official report states that four Japanese battleships were sunk at Port Arthur in last Wednesday's attack, but the report is not credited. The Japanese have only six battleships in these waters. Four of them were off Wei-Hai-Wei last Wednesday evening and the remainder of the fleet is intact.

JAPANESE REFUGEES CRUELLY MURDERED

PEKIN, Feb. 26.—Private advices received here from New Chwang confirm the reports of the ill-treatment of Japanese refugees at the hands of the Russians while they were journeying through Manchuria and declare, moreover, that some of the refugees were without doubt, cruelly murdered.

The Russian soldiery at New Chwang is so undisciplined that that place is unfit for European women.

ANOTHER ATTACK EXPECTED BY STARK

PARIS, Feb. 26.—In a despatch from St. Petersburg, a correspondent of the Echo De Paris, says the last Japanese attack at Port Arthur was repulsed brilliantly. He refers to the reported second attack and says the Japanese were again obliged to quit the roadstead. It is presumed that the entire squadron joined in the second attack, hoping to avenge the repulse of the preceding day. The Japanese are supposed to have incurred further losses during this long fight. Admiral Stark has telegraphed that he expects a third attack.

Continuing, the correspondent says that General Kuropatkin has started for his home to take leave of his mother before going to the east and he quotes the general as having said: "This war may last eighteen months, but every arrangement has been made that no Japanese, after having landed, shall return to his country."

JAPANESE CRUISERS ARE AT SHANGHAI

LONDON, Feb. 26.—In a cablegram from Shanghai a correspondent of the Daily Mail reports the arrival there of the Japanese cruisers Idzumo, Suma and Akitsuhima.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard sends a report from a native source that the Russians have burned a large village near the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants, including the women, in revenge for an attempt to wreck the Sungari bridge.

Clearance sale at Oriental Bazaar.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

John Copeley, residing at 18 Cross street, and an employe of the street department, was struck in the right arm by a pick, while working in Abbott street. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, where three stitches closed the wound.

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ANNUAL BANQUET

Of Stevens Debating Club Held Last Night

The Solon W. Stevens Literary society held its second annual banquet last evening in the vestries of the First Congregational church and it was a grand success. An excellent menu was served. A violin solo was contributed by Mr. George A. Mevis. The

W. W. GRAHAM, President.

officers of the organization are: President, W. W. Graham; vice president, C. L. Cutler; secretary, G. A. Mevis; treasurer, J. R. Cove. Last evening's committee was G. L. Cochrane, chairman; A. S. Thomas, C. F. Osgood, J. R. Cove and R. H. Richardson, aids.

After the menu had been served, the following toasts were given: "The society," W. W. Graham; "The young man in politics," Hon. Solon W. Stevens; "The young man in business," W. T. Barstow; "the young man in the church," Rev. Ralph Gillam; "Our leader," A. S. Thomas. Mr. Addison E. Avery favored the company with a brief address.

Mr. Solon W. Stevens responded to the toast "The Young Man in Politics" and spoke in part as follows:

"Be politicians from the start and stay in until the end. American young men can't live and be brought up without being politicians. 'Politician' and 'statesman' are synonymous, when the right meaning of the words is taken. Men in America work. This is a nation of workers. It is thus the common people who make things as they are. It is said sometimes that young

CLARENCE L. CUTLER, Vice President.

men of good breeding and good standing should keep out of politics as it is dirty. Granted that it is dirty, it is then for you clean young men to go in and carry the character you have and the religion you profess. You must take your coats off to work. No matter if your hands do become soiled as long as your characters are not smirched. I hold that it is a young man's duty, next to the mastering of his business, to become an intelligent politician. I do not mean that you are to become a grafter, and do the little tricks of the business, but you are to enter politics with a high-minded purpose. Understand thoroughly the questions of the day, and then vote intelligently. That is one of the essential elements of politics."

The committee in charge was as follows: A. W. Graham, C. L. Cutler, G. A. Mevis, J. R. Cove, G. L. Cochrane, W. H. Rounds, E. L. Weegar, C. F. Osgood, H. L. Parker, G. H. Richardson, R. L. Leggett, J. W. Wainwright, C. J. Miller, F. E. Atkinson, T. L. Smith, W. E. H. Wilson, William Johnson.

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CLUB ROCHAMBEAU

DEFEATED CLUB PASSE TEMPS AT WHIST.

The crack whist players of the Club Rochambeau of Haverhill came here last night with a party of friends on a special electric car and defeated the Club Passe Temps at whist by the close score of 395 to 387. There were 68 visitors in the party and owing to a break-down on their car it was 3 o'clock when they arrived.

Twenty-eight deals were played, and 24 expert players were matched on either side.

The contest was the first of a series of four, to be played between the two clubs for the state championship and also for a $25 cup. The second meet will be next Wednesday at Haverhill, the third the following Wednesday at Lowell, and the final again at Haverhill at the Rochambeau clubhouse. The greatest number of points made in all on the one side will decide the contest.

After the game the visitors were royally entertained.

SMITH IS SUED

A Claim of $500,000 Against Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—J. Henry Smith, better known as "Silent Smith," who inherited $25,000,000 from his uncle, George Smith, in 1899, has been sued for $500,000. His co-defendant in the action is George Alexander Cooper, who lives in London, and has a great estate at Elgin, Scot. The plaintiff in the suit is Benjamin Nettleton Oakeshott of Purley, Surrey county, Eng.

George Smith died in London in 1840, leaving an estate, the value of which was fixed at $50,000,000. He had made almost all of this in fortunate investments in this country. For 25 years Oakeshott had served him as private secretary and confidential accountant, and in his will he named Oakeshott a co-executor, with Cooper and "Silent Jimmy" Smith, who were to divide the big estate equally.

Cooper immediately began to cut a wide swarth in society, paying little or no attention to the affairs of the estate, of which he had inherited one-half. He deputized "Silent Smith" to look after his interests. But first he and Smith made an agreement with Oakeshott, by which the latter was to continue in the capacity of confidential accountant for the estate.

The secretary signed a contract by which he renounced his share to give his services to the legatees for two years at $2500 a year. He was aware that under the English law he could not draw any commission as an executor, but figured that he could do so under the laws of New York, where all of the big estate was held.

Smith took immediate steps to remove the entire estate from this country to England. The state of New York thereupon stepped in and began an action to recover the amount of the transfer tax on the estate. In this legal contest Smith swore that under the law the executors were entitled to commissions amounting to $1,500,000, and this amount was exempt from the transfer tax. This became the ground for Oakeshott's suit to recover $500,000.

Up to the present time all of the litigation has been confined to Oakeshott and "Silent Smith," for the reason that the process servers have been unable to find Cooper. The case came up before Justice Truax in the supreme court yesterday, when lawyer McIlvaine asked for the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of Cooper as soon as he can be found. Decision was reserved.

CHILDREN HURT

While at Sunday School Entertainment

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 26—An accident at the Richmond Street Christian church here last night resulted in 10 children being seriously burned and others painfully injured. Seven of those burned are in the city hospital and it is thought that many others may have been hurt.

The Sunday school room was crowded for an entertainment given by the pastor, Rev. Vernon Stauffer. The evening had been set apart for the small boys. A crowd of girls gathered on the outside. The pastor was telling fairy stories and in order to make them realistic he provided a kettle, with salt in the bottom of it saturated with alcohol. This was set afire to furnish weird lights for the fairy stories. Suddenly a draft struck the stream of alcohol and an explosion followed. All of those seated around the fire were burned. Besides the seven taken to the hospital three were taken home badly hurt and others not seriously injured were bandaged up and taken home. The blame for the draft is charged to the little girls who had been excluded and were opening doors to look in.

COLONIAL PARTY

AT THE HOME OF DR. AND MRS. W. H. PEPIN.

The King's Daughters of the First Baptist church held a delightful Colonial party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pepin, 442 East Merrimack street, last evening. The ladies who entertained were richly costumed in colonial style and four little people, William Pepin, Montague Ford, Mildred French and Charlotte Haskell were also exquisitely attired in colonial costumes.

The guests were presented to the officers of the society of King's Daughters by three officers of the High school regiment in full uniform, Messrs. Felton Moody, Francis Sullivan and Thomas Coreman. The ladies in the receiving party were Miss Minnie G. Walsh, Miss Emily Simpson, Miss Clara Emerson and Miss Sarah J. Crosby.

The large residence was crowded with guests, but all were warmly welcomed and merriment prevailed throughout the evening. A program was given early in the evening as follows: Quartet, Messrs. Stortevant, Bowden, Reid and Dobson; Mrs. Pepin and Mrs. Lillian Dodge Haskell, who gave an amusing musical comedy sketch; Miss Mildred French, who sang and danced the Minuet, and Master William Pepin, who sang a patriotic selection; Mrs. Haskell also read a couple of humorous selections and Mr. Bowden, who is a tenor from Lawrence, sang a solo.

In the upper hall was a novel and interesting picture gallery, in which hundreds of old photographs of members of the First Baptist congregation were exhibited, numbered and catalogued according to the most approved methods.

Frappe was served in the "den," and in the dining room were refreshments of a more substantial nature. Mrs. S. T. Ford and Mrs. Larkin T. Tuell had charge of the dining room and many of the Daughters assisted in serving refreshments. Miss Walsh was chairman of the refreshment committee, and other chairmen were as follows: Mrs. Charles E. Meader, picture gallery; Miss Lottie Flemings, frappe; Mrs. Harry Stocks, tickets; Mrs. Pepin, entertainment program.

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Manager Murphy of the Academy of Music has always made it a point to cater to the ladies, but finds that it is impossible to do this on dbook burlesque shows at his house, therefore rather than lose the patronage of the gentler sex he has decided to abandon the burlesques and has notified his booking agent in New York to cancel all burlesque shows that have been booked for the house and to book good dramas and comedies, such as may be attended by ladies and children. Manager Murphy believes that he is making a good move, as do the patrons of the house.

"The Parish Priest," which was presented yesterday afternoon and evening was the first of the new style of plays to be presented and the management could not have made a better choice, for "The Parish Priest" is one of the surprises of the century. The title suggests everything that the play is not. It suggests, first, religion, yet there is no religion in it.

In the character of Fr. Whalen is a beautiful sentiment suggested by his calling, but in no act, situation or line does he make any allusion to the creed which he represents. It is not an Irish play, the scene being laid in Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, and the action of the same resolves itself around characters that are thoroughly American. The play has been enthusiastically praised by the leading critics of the leading cities.

"The Parish Priest" is without doubt one of the strongest and prettiest plays ever penned by a playwright, and Mr. Hart is to be congratulated for giving it to the public. People wept and laughed in turn at the pathos and original humor, which are ably blended and drawn out by a master hand, and which lead up to situations that are beautifully enacted. What appeals to one is the naturalness of the play. It is everyday life depicted by an artist and observer of scenes that happen in the life of every community. It is original, and what is more, it does not depend on scenic effects to bring out any strong points, the author having attended to that in the lines. There is no heavy villain; there are no exciting climaxes that will cause the blood to curdle. Everything is simple and true to life. It is a picture of simple life cleverly woven together and cleverly produced by a competent company and each character is so strong that it stands out strongly. Mr. Daniel L. Hart has attempted no burlesque on the Irish race. There is nothing to show it in other than the proper light. No girls come out in short skirts, but, instead, it is refined in every particular, the language being sweet, choice and pure and the characters such as are to be met in every walk of life. Mr. Hart has given to the stage a strong play in a line never attempted before and it will prove a success wherever presented.

The part of Rev. Fr. Whalen is taken by Mr. F. J. McCarthy and that gentleman is admirably adapted for the part. His gentle voice, which grows stern at times, his manner and appearance, his humor and consoling ways all add to his portrayal of the part which is a most difficult one to assume. His sweet way of doing things touches the audience and many tear dimmed eyes were noticed last night during the pathetic parts of the performance. The part of "Dr. Edward Welch" which is taken by Mr. Robert White, is one which is singularly adapted to this young man who while in love with one girl consents to marry another though the thought of telling his first love the state of affairs troubles him greatly. Dr. Welch willing to give up true love for that of riches breaks the heart of his first and only love but through the mediation of Father Whalen everything comes out all right. The part of James Welch, a brother of the doctor, is well taken by William Vaughn.

Jane Seagrave portrays the part of Nellie Durkin, Father Whalen's niece, and her gentle manner and forgiveness are only surpassed by the brilliant manner in which she portrays her difficult part. Agnes Cassidy, a girl with a temper, is the cause of all the trouble, but she finally repents and sees her wrong in time to let happiness and love take their true course.

For the first time an author of a play has produced an Irishman in his true form, the part being that of Michael Sullivan as taken by John D. Griffin. This Irishman is no burlesque on the representatives of Ireland, but it is an everyday Irishman such as is seen on the street, the manner and talk being that of a true Irishman.

Among the others who assist in carrying out the production are Harry Hafford as Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Paul A. Carroll, who portrays the part of Frank Dougher, and Sadie Dailey who furnishes comedy in the part of Catherine Corrigan.

Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Rudolf Krasselt, the cello soloist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, accompanied by Max Zach, the official pianist of the same organization, are the attractions at the fourth recital of the Lowell Orchestral Society at Huntington hall next Sunday, Feb. 28. When Schraeder left the Symphony Orchestra the managers with unlimited money at their command put a drag net over all the musical centres of Europe to catch the best 'cellist in the world and Krasselt was the result. Only 24 years old he must have been a born 'cellist. He has never been heard in Lowell and only in Boston since last fall. Max Zach, pianist and conductor of the Boston "Pops" will be his accompanist. Such talent comes high, but nothing is too good for the patrons of the Lowell Orchestral society. A good reserved seat is necessary for such a recital which can be obtained at the popular prices of 25 and 50 cents at Austin's Music Store Friday morning.

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BOXING GOSSIP.

The Kid Flannery-Walsh bout at Dewey Grove will be held on Wednesday night next. Through an error it was previously announced for Thursday night.

WRESTLING BOUTS.

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JUDGE'S CHARGE

Trial of Postal Case is Nearly Ended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—Immediately after criminal court convened today Justice Pritchard charged the jury in the postal case as follows:

JUDGE'S CHARGE.

Justice Pritchard in his charge to the jury set out the various counts in the indictment and said the defendants are presumed to be innocent, and that that presumption amounts to evidence introduced in their behalf and remains with them until the jury is satisfied by evidence that convinces them beyond a reasonable doubt as to the defendant's guilt. He said it was incumbent on the government to prove the allegations contained in the indictment by evidence sufficient to satisfy the jury as to the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Continuing, he said:

"A 'reasonable doubt' does not mean every doubt that may flit through your minds in consideration of the case, but a doubt for which you could give a reason if called upon to do so. If, after carefully considering the evidence, and the law as the court shall give it to you, you find a doubt which leaves your minds unsatisfied, that will be a doubt to which the defendants are entitled to the benefit; but they are not entitled to the benefit of any doubts which may not have a reasonable foundation in the evidence and in the circumstances of the case.

THE SOLE JUDGES.

"You are the sole judges of all questions of fact, and in this respect the court cannot be of any aid to you. You have had an opportunity of observing the conduct of the witnesses while on the witness stand as well as the interest which any witness may have had in the transactions about which he may have testified, and these are matters which should be considered by you in determining the question as to the amount of weight that you are to give the evidence of any witness who may have been introduced either by the government or the defence.

"It is your duty to arrive at a conclusion in considering the facts and circumstances of this case the same as you would come to a conclusion upon any other set of facts in life. There is no technical rule which prevents you from applying to them the same rule of common sense that you will apply to any other subject that might come under your consideration.

"If, therefore, after an impartial consideration of all the evidence you can candidly say that you are not satisfied with the defendant's guilt you have a reasonable doubt; but, if after such impartial consideration of all the evidence, you can truthfully say that you have an abiding conviction of the defendant's guilt, you have no reasonable doubt, and it will be your duty to return a verdict of guilty."

After quoting from the statutes bearing on conspiracy, Justice Pritchard said that the statutory offence of conspiracy under the laws of the United States is not complete until an act is done by some of the parties to carry into execution the fraud alleged to have been committed in the indictment. The combination or crime is the offense, but the alleged fact to effectuate it is necessary to make it indictable.

GENERALLY SECRET ACTION.

"As a general rule," he continued, "concerted action on the part of individuals to violate a law or commit a fraud is secret, hence the rule which permits the introduction of evidence of separate individual acts tending to show a common design in cases like the one which you are now called upon to consider. The common design is the essence of the charge and to prove it, it is not necessary to prove that the parties actually came together and actually agreed in terms to have that design and to pursue it by common means. Therefore if you find from the evidence that the parties charged in the indictment knew of the object to be accomplished and all intentionally participated in the transaction in the furtherance of the common design and purpose to defraud the United States, then you may find that there was a tacit understanding, and, so far as the conspiracy is concerned, that is sufficient to constitute the offense. There need be no specific agreement."

He said that such an offense rarely, if ever, is proven by direct testimony. Evidence in proof of conspiracy may be and from the nature of the case generally must be circumstantial. "The defendants," he said, "have gone on the witness stand and testified in their own behalf. It therefore becomes my duty to say to you that you ought to scrutinize their testimony. In view of the fact that they are interested in the outcome of this trial. But in doing so, I do not wish to be understood as saying that you should not believe the testimony of the defendants because of the fact that they are interested; and if after considering their testimony and the circumstances under which it was given, you are of the opinion that they have told the truth about the transaction it is as much your duty to give credit to what they may have stated as it is to believe any other witnesses who may have testified during the progress of this trial."

He instructed the jury that if they were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that Machen and the other defendants, or any two or more of them conspired to sell the fasteners to the government at a price in excess of that at which they otherwise would have sold the same and divided the proceeds among themselves, they were guilty as indicted. The jury, he said, could find the defendants guilty as to each count in the indictment or acquit them as to some and find them guilty as to others, and a verdict of not guilty could be found as to one or more of them. "But," he added, "before you can return a verdict of guilty you must find that at least two of the defendants are guilty of the conspiracy as charged in the indictment; that is to say you cannot find one defendant guilty and return a verdict of not guilty as to all the others."

MUST NOT BE PREJUDICED.

He urged the jury not to be influenced by prejudice or be moved by sympathy. "You should give these defendants a fair and impartial trial," he said, "according to the evidence as testified by the witnesses and in the law as given to you by the court."

"The case," he continued, "should be tried on its merits and without regard to what effect the verdict would have on the public mind. He concluded as follows:

"It is proper that the government should prosecute all parties charged with crime and the fact that the government may have employed special counsel in this case should not influence your minds one way or the other and it is equally essential to the proper administration of the law that the defendants should be represented by counsel in the conduct of this trial as it is that the government, through its counsel, should be permitted to present its contentions as to the issues that are raised by the allegations contained in the indictment.

"I am sure, therefore, when you come to decide this matter, you will consider solely the question as to whether or not the defendants are guilty as charged in the indictment."

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Tee N. C. A. Discusses Motor Paced Racing

Paced racing, and particularly motor paced racing, which has done more to hurt the bicycle racing game during the past few years than anything else, was the cause of much discussion at the annual meeting of the National Cycling association, held in New York this week. There was an emphatic sentiment against the conducting of this kind of races and the good old sprint races will predominate on all tracks this season and will without doubt be the cause of reviving the sport which has been sinking rapidly during the past several years. Thousands turned out to see a sprint race where hundreds went to view a motor paced rare.

The main trouble with the motor paced races has been that it is not the man who is following the motor who is the centre of attraction. It is the pacing machine itself, and it has and always will be, unless some expert can perfect the pacing machines, which rider has the better motor. The man with the better motor wins. Let Walthour meet a new comer in the paced game and if the latter has the better pacing machine, Bobby, despite the fact that he has demonstrated his superiority over other riders, will come in second best.

People have left bicycle tracks in disgust after sitting half an hour or more waiting for a motor to get warmed up and after the contestants had gone a couple of miles see one of the motors go to the bad. It is much different in a sprint race, for the worst that happens in a sprint race is a tumble and there are always so many entries that the dump of half a dozen riders will not tend to detract from the race for there are enough of riders left on their wheels to furnish a good finish. Then again in the sprint races it is a case of the best man will win, while in the motor paced races, as above stated, it is the man with the best motor who wins.

A plan has been suggested to the N. C. A. by J. Frank Elline, of Baltimore, whereby a circuit on a large scale may be adopted for the coming season. If it is adopted it is likely that some of the fastest European sprinters will be brought to this country so as to give racing an international rather than a national tinge. The circuit could then be planned so the cities where meets may be scheduled run advertise the races for weeks in advance, and an effort is to be made to arouse real interest and attract big crowds.

The outline of the plan includes Charles River, Providence, Revere Beach, Lowell, Springfield, Worcester, Hartford, Fall River and New Haven, in the North, and Manhattan Beach, Vailsburg, Baltimore, Atlantic City, Washington, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, in the South. There is also a possibility that some of the smaller trotting tracks will also be utilized for at least one meet during the summer. If the plans are carried out the Vailsburg track which was burned last week will be rebuilt and a new track constructed in Baltimore.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

CHANCELLOR OF FRENCH LEGATION UNDER ARREST.

SALINA, Cruze, Mexico, Feb. 26.—Charles Larroussie, chancellor of the French legation at Mexico City, who left his post a few days ago after, it is alleged, having embezzled $8000 from funds belonging partly to the legation and partly to the French minister personally, has been arrested here. He will be held until the papers for his return to the national capital are executed, when he will be taken to the city of Mexico.

HELD CONFERENCE

BRYAN, HILL AND OTHERS DISCUSS MATTERS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—William J. Bryan, Former Governor David B. Hill, Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, James K. Head, of Tennessee, J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania (the latter three members of the National Democratic committee) and Dr. John H. Girdner, of this city, met last night in a room in the Hoffman house. After they came out Mr. Mack said the meeting was merely a coincidence, and Mr. Bryan declared that "There is no politics in this at all."

TAKEN FROM STAGE

FIVE CHILDREN IN MAXIME ELLIOT'S COMPANY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Five small children who are members of Maxime Elliot's company now playing "Her Own Way" at the Illinois theatre were taken from the stage last night by order of the state factory inspector. Mr. Yack, manager of the company, was arrested on a warrant charging violation of the state labor law, but gave bond for his appearance in court today. The children joined the company in New York.

TREATY LAPSED

THE TIME LIMIT WAS OVERLOOKED.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—The lapsing of the Isle of Pines treaty on account of its not being ratified within the time limit, is regarded here to be mainly due to the fact that the state department at Washington did not call attention to the matter. It would also appear, however, that the Cuban state department failed to remember this time limit. The treaty was signed in Havana on July 2, 1903, and was ratified by the Cuban senate on July 16, since when it has been pending in the U. S. senate. The last condition of the treaty was to the effect that the ratification be exchanged in Washington, within seven months of the date of signing.

Persons interested in securing American sovereignty for the Isle of Pines are jubilant at this development considering it to be a set-back which gives additional promise of the final defeat of the proposition that the island remain under Cuban sovereignty

STONE MASONS

Celebrated Their 17th Anniversary

In their hall in Middle street last evening members of the Stone Masons' union celebrated their 17th anniversary with a smoke talk and the affair was a most enjoyable one.

The early part of the evening was devoted to business and a big grist of routine business was transacted. Three new members were admitted to the union and four applications were received. After the business meeting had been gone through with light refreshments were served and an entertainment by the members was enjoyed. General dancing was indulged in and when the festivities had been brought to a close a consensus of opinion declared the anniversary a great big success.

The Stone Masons' union was organized Feb. 25, 1889, and since that time has flourished and is today one of the strongest organized unions in the city. The officers of the union at the present time are: President, Michael J. Rogers; recording secretary, Louis Derry; financial secretary, Patrick J. Gallagher; deputy, James Smith; treasurer, Patrick Gallagher; sergeant-at-arms, Peter Corcoran; committee of arrangements, Joseph M. V. Bean, P. J. Gallagher, M. J. Rogers, P. Gallagher, Neil Callahan.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Stationary Firemen held last evening two new members were initiated into the union and four applications for membership were received. The firemen will celebrate their seventh anniversary on March 10th.

Representative Samuel Ross and Representative John Lawley, both of New Bedford, visited the local labor halls last evening.

BEEF REMOVED

THIRD SHIPMENT NOT SENT TO RUSSIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26—The sailing of the steamer China for the Orient has been postponed from today until Saturday. On board the steamer last night workmen were removing one million pounds of beef sold to the Russian government by a local firm. Three million pounds of beef had been contracted for by the Russian government and the first two instalments were shipped on the steamers Coptic and Korea. The beef was seized by Japanese officials and it is believed the local sellers received orders at almost the last moment to remove the third shipment from the China.

Don't miss the sale at Oriental Bazaar.

TRAINS CRASHED

Firemen and Three Others Killed

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 26.—The front section of a fast stock and freight train ran into the rear end of another stock and fast freight train on the Chicago Great Western railroad near Dyersville last night. The fireman of the rear train was killed. Three unknown stockmen on the front section were killed and their bodies cremated.

25 to 35 per cent. discount at Oriental Bazaar.

THE BON MARCHE DRY GOODS COMPANY

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 26, 1904

TRUE WORTH — Double Green Stamps Saturday — TRUE MERIT

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE

BON MARCHE'S GREAT 25c SALE

'Tis surprising how far a dollar will go in this great sale as far as two or even three would ordinarily. But this is an out of the ordinary event, so one is not so much surprised at values offered. We tried to break our previous record in selling power, and we succeeded away beyond our highest expectations. Of course these things don't interest you and we only mention them to show you the magnetic influence these splendid values exerted over the buying public.

Pots, Dishes and Pans are the commodities which are represented in this greatest of all sales, and

25 CENTS — Is the General Price

A SWEEPING REDUCTION IN

BRAID ORNAMENTS

This lot consists of Black and Colors, and have regularly sold for 10c, 25c and 29c each. Closing price is.....10c Each

Also a lot of Colored and Black Guimps, some of these sold for 10c yard. At..... 1c Yard

A SALE OF FINE TOILET SOAP

$2.00 WORTH OF GREEN STAMPS WITH EVERY 30c WORTH

"Rose De Louisianne," a fine, pure, rose-perfumed soap; a soap that has sold for 10c cake until quite recently. For a special leader we have marked it .....5c Cake

$2.00 worth of Green Stamps with every 6 cakes.

$2.00 WORTH OF GREEN STAMPS WITH EVERY 30c WORTH

A NOTEWORTHY CORSET VALUE

At 49c Pair

Would you buy a $1.00 corset for 49c a pair? If so, right here is your opportunity. Good styles; non-rusting steels; perfect fitting. Several styles to choose from. The above sums up the details of a rare corset deal. Every corset was made to sell for $1.00 per pair. However, we bought them very cheap, and our price will be.....49c per Pair

SPLENDID SHOWING OF

NEW BELTS

ad assortment of twenty- This season we are showing a bro five and fifty cent belts. Fully 25 styles of the former, a score of the latter.

The new Crushed Silk, the new Crushed Leather, Plaited Belts with Gilt Trimmings, Gilt Belts, Girdle Belts, Bead Belts, Steel Trimmed Belts, Shirred Belts, and nearly every other wantable style shown this season.

The prices are.....25c and 50c

TWO SPECIALS IN THE

SHOE DEPARTMENT

We want you to see these two leaders, for leaders they are in every sense of the word.

WOMEN'S DONGOLA KID BOOTS, $1.19 PAIR—Heavy soles, mannish lasts, patent tips; a dollar and a half value.

WOMEN'S DONGOLA JULIETTES, 75c PAIR—Hospital or house shoes, very easy and comfortable; a dollar value.

A "BRAN NU" RUBBER FOR WOMEN, 60c PAIR—Copper bottom. "Wearniot" Storm Rubbers, a rubber built for service and durability. Ask to see them.

SOFA PILLOW SLIPS

Ready for the Pillow, 25c

Fancy Roman Stripe material; very attractive and not easily soiled.

GREEN'S VEGE-TOL PREPARATIONS

"Hair Food," "Hair Restorer," "Hair Remover," "Shampoo Lotion," and "Skin Food".....25c and 50c Bottle

Demonstration front of Main Entrance.

CLEARANCE SALE WOMEN'S SUITS

$5.00 and $10.00

Here's a chance for the thrifty, an opportunity as great as it is rare. They are last summer's styles 'tis true, but same materials are being used this season, namely Voiles, Cheviots, Venetians and Granite Cloths. The styles are same, as well: Etons, One-half Fitted Jackets, Belted Blouse, etc. We must have room for the new things as they come in, so the knife has been freely used in paring down the prices. Consequently

FOR $5

You get Suits that formerly sold for $10, $15 and $17.50.

FOR $10

You get Suits that formerly sold for $20, $25 and $27.50.

A few more left of Women's Coats at $5.00; formerly sold for $10, $15 and $20.

LAST CALL TRIMMED HATS

98 Cents

We have taken Hats that formerly sold for $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 and marked them 98 CENTS. They must be sold and the above price will surely do it.

SIX ITEMS OF GENUINE WORTH

In the Basement Section

MERCERIZED GINGHAMS, 12½c YARD—Plain colors and stripes. You'll pay 18c or 25c and believe you were getting your money's worth.

PERCALES, 10c YARD—The best quality, dark and light colors, 12½c value.

WHITE DRESS MUSLINS, 10c YARD—These are short lengths of the regular 15c goods.

SASH CURTAINS, 25c PAIR—All ready to hang.

BROWN COTTON, 6½c YARD—40 in. wide, very good quality, considering the high cost of material, 8½c value.

BLEACHED SHEETS, 37c—Worth 50c, full size, deep hem.

K STANDS FOR KISSES

Dainty and Sweet

Have you had one? We are giving them away at our candy demonstration. New England's lightning demonstrator is in attendance.

Read over this list of flavorings and see if they don't make your mouth water.

Wintergreen, Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Peppermint, Banana, Clove, Pineapple, Molasses, Sassafras, Lime. In 5c, 10c and 20c Packages.

A NEW WASH FABRIC

Voile Sextette

The quaint title represents six different weaves of Fancy Voiles, highly mercerized. It is a successful duplication of a costly imported fabric and brings within reach of all the opportunity to be well dressed at a very small outlay. The price, 29c YARD

LACE CURTAINS MARKED DOWN

Odd Lots to Close

98c grades	69c
$1.49 grades	98c
$1.98 and $2.49 grades	$1.49

SPECIAL SALE . . .

WHITE TAMBOUR EMBROIDERY WORK

Table Covers, Pillow Shams, Bureau Scarfs and Doilies; over 100 dozen in the lot.

They are a bargain. Note the prices they are selling for and their actual worth.

Covers, Shams and Scarfs, worth 50c, at	25c
Covers, Shams and Scarfs, worth 75c and $1.00, at	49c
Doilies, worth 10c, at	5c
Doilies, worth 15c, at	10c

AN EXCELLENT VALUE

MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS

39c Each

Worth half a dollar; good cotton with fancy fronts, good full sizes. Thirty-nine cents for a few days only.

DOUBLE DARK BLUE TRADING STAMPS

Special for Tomorrow, Saturday

100 Stamps with 1 lb. Baking Powder

80 Stamps with 1 lb. 60c Tea

60 Stamps with 1 lb. 50c Tea

20 Stamps with 1 lb. of 25c, 30c or 35c Coffee

Double Dark Blue Stamps on Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Etc.

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1082 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904.
JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

The sworn daily average circulation for the month of January, 1904, was: **15,432**

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Senator Hoar's action in voting for a treaty supporting the course of the president which he so strongly condemned recalls one of Franklin's sayings in his "Poor Richard" where he represents a man complaining of hard times and general extravagance, the people nodding approval and then as soon as the auction opened proceeding to practise the contrary.

That was a very vigorous kick which the people of Chelmsford made to the railroad commission when appealing for better car service. They have met with such success that we surmise the people of some other lines will take a day off to see the railroad commission. The company, however, proved that it is endeavoring to improve the service at all points.

'TWAS DUNCAN WHO DID IT.

We are reminded that Superintendent Whitcomb having been out of town at an educational gathering, he could not have rung the no-school bell on Wednesday. In his absence Chairman Duncan of the school board attends to that duty. The blame then falls upon the shoulders of Duncan. He has made himself popular with the children who wanted a day to go coasting but mightily unpopular with the parents.

JAPAN AND HER RELIGIONS.

The events of the present war have led the people of this country to look more closely into the habits, customs and modes of life of eastern nations, especially Japan. Of late the Japanese have been regarded as very progressive people and that they are capable of great development in various lines of effort is beyond question. Their skill and tact in naval warfare moves that they may develop into a powerful nation unless checked by other nations more powerful.

What is of interest to the western world at the present time is the religion or religions rather of Japan. In this respect Japan is strangely wedded to religious systems that while inculcating certain lines of morality are largely idolatrous. They are Buddhism, Shintoism and Confucianism.

Buddhism has existed in Japan since 5?1 A. D. It is less popular than Shintoism, and asserts that salvation consists in sinking one's separate identity and becoming one with the deity, Hotoke. The adherents of this faith believe in practising virtue as they see it; but in their eyes virtue has a different meaning from what it implies in the Christian religion. To the Buddhists the practice of virtue is supposed to bring a condition of perpetual rest and freedom from the torments of everlasting punishment. Shintoism, according to a missionary who has served many years in Japan, is a mixture of nature and ancestral worship. It has no unfulfilled social idea, no ambition, no missionary motive, no teaching tending to produce personal or social progress. It recognizes no other people and furnishes no standard for their treatment. Shintoism has no doctrine of a future life of blessedness. They feel themselves constantly under the protection of their gods and are wholly without any moral code. Confucianism, the other religion, is largely based upon the obedience of inferior to superior and scorns industrialism and commercialism, two of the principles upon which Japan's progress depends. It is plain, therefore, that none of these religions will permit of the free advancement to which Japan seems to be reaching at the present time. The result of the present war will shake up these semi-barbarous religions and may bring Japan eventually into the category of Christian nations.

FREE TEXT BOOKS AND MEMORY WORK.

There is one disadvantage arising from the use of free text books in the schools.

The books remain in the schoolrooms and as a result neither the pupils nor any other member of the family can peruse them at home.

Just at present there is great interest in the geography of the east and everybody wants to know the whereabouts of Harbin, Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Shan Tung, Cheefoo, Nagasaki, Chemulpo, Song Chin, Wonson, Tientsen, Yalu river, Gulf of Pechili, Wei Hei Wei, Dalny, Mukden, Seoul and many other places within the war zone of the far east.

Our educators seem to think it is best for the pupils not to bother with books at home.

This is one cause why the memory is not developed as it should be. It explains, also, the bad spelling, the ignorance of historical dates and the inability to quote authors so noticeable in later years.

The memory is very important. To learn any knowledge with a defective memory is like trying to fill a leaky vessel with water. The training of the memory is a training that will serve many a good purpose through life. It involves system, order, attention, and repetition.

Without a well developed memory a man can seldom succeed in any business. The man who would practice public speaking must first train his memory so that he can commit his speeches and save the necessity of following his manuscript.

But what has all this to do with the fact that pupils are not allowed to take their school books to their homes? Simply this, that memory work is never done right in school. There are too many interruptions and as the pupils are not allowed to take their books to their homes the work of cultivating the memory is therefore neglected.

The demand for maps of the seat of war has directed attention to the fact that even those who studied the geography of the belligerent powers know but little of it now, having forgotten nearly all they learned of it in school. The reason is that they did not learn their geography as thoroughly as they should have done. What is true of geography in this respect is true of other subjects. There is a surplus of lack of thoroughness.

TRIBUTE TO WHISTLER.

The people of Lowell, especially the lovers of art, should be greatly interested in the exhibition of Whistler's masterpieces now open in Boston. The Boston Herald referring to the exhibition, pays a great tribute to Whistler as an artist. The following taken from the Herald's tribute sheds a lurid light upon the character of Whistler's work and will aid in a true appreciation of the works now exhibited.

"Whistler's art is distinguished by exquisite refinement, by the most delicately balanced adjustments of values, a wonderful placing and purity that tended to expression in pictures of inherent beauty which developed the finest possibilities evident in the suggestions of a given subject. Technically Whistler's mastery was complete. He achieved his result with the greatest directness and the most absolute confidence. His economy of expression was perfect; he always said clearly and precisely exactly what he wished to say. He never abused the gift; his fluency never led him to what in his art is the equivalent of wordiness, but practised the one essential whereby he expressed the contents of a poet mainly in the clearest verse simply what his trained imagination prompted him to create, and no more. One of the greatest of Whistler's services was as a pioneer in the exploitation of the wonderful resources of art of the far east as developed by the Japanese and the Chinese. Whistler fused the art of the Orient with that of the Occident, developing new forms and modes of expression informed with the qualities of both, and manifesting a new sense of universality in all that before him had never been suspected."

SEEN AND HEARD

The common council is more amusing than a stage comedy.

Strawberries are in the market, at 50 cents per box, and the boxes are not very large.

The winter has silenced the oldest inhabitant and he no longer sings the old songs.

The boy who can slide the greatest distance on the icy sidewalk is the hero of the hour.

Persons who live on the top floors of such buildings should not take their seats in [illegible].

Dowling has a pretty good hold in Lowell, but [illegible] such hold here [illegible] where several [illegible] battle for championship.

[illegible] doctors who for obvious reasons [illegible] to have his name mentioned [illegible] that a very large percentage of the women who pay doctors' bills [illegible].

Notwithstanding the prevalent talk for a time, many supporters of Russia are to be found. It's a queer contrast [illegible] the American people to hold an equality of opinion.

Do you harken to the birds in the early morning? They sing a merry roundelay despite the winter's chill, and in their song you can get a whiff of spring.

The fight is still on for delegate to the republican national convention, with the cohorts of Walsh and Dunlap striving for mastery. The convention to select the delegate meets in April, and it promises to be lively and vociferous.

Every time a woman hands her husband a pair of stockings with holes in the toes he soothes his wounded feelings with the thought that he has a letter in his pocket that she gave him to mail a week or two previous.

Dracut is in the throes of its annual spring dose of politics, and the candidates are making a great hustle. From its earliest settlement Dracut has been a political hot-bed and many of its sons have risen to even national fame. The soil of that old town seems to be permeated with politics.

The 15th annual meet of the school athletes of New England, which will be held in Boston, March 19th, is creating interest among our young men. The event is always notable in school circles, for it is the biggest of its kind, and the coming meet promises to surpass all former efforts. The events will be open to members of all schools in New England, but each competitor must be under 21 years of age. So far as known Lowell will have no participants in the events, but several of our young men and women will be present as spectators.

The reports come from all over New England that the snowstorms are found to be expensive. In the small city of Beverly, for example, $8000 has been expended in removing the "beautiful" from the streets and $3500 more has been appropriated for that purpose. The expense to Lowell taxpayers will foot up over $25,000. Snow is certainly a luxury that we cannot afford the year 'round.

At a sale of furniture at a private house at Richmond, says the London Weekly Post, a very antique oak table, once the property of John Bunyan, was one of the lots. It was described as follows on the auctioneer's catalogue: "A very antique oak table, with history proving same to have been the property of John Bunyan, on which he wrote 'The Pilgrim's Progress.'" The first bid was a shilling, but as no one went beyond two shillings, the table was withdrawn.

The city marshal of Lawrence, the genial "Dixie" O'Sullivan, is under fire. Last year 16 new policemen were added to his force by the powers above him, and the taxpayers are howling loud and long. "Clean out the deadwood," says Marshal O'Sullivan, "there is a heap of it in the department, and a physical examination will prove it."

So the doctors were ordered to examine "The Finest," but the latter, who were never before known to refuse anything, surprised everybody by refusing to let the doctors touch them. Then the aldermen took a hand in the game, and after they revoked the order to examine the cops, they lambasted the marshal and ordered him to name the deadwood. It is alleged that Marshal O'Sullivan is too easy with his men; that some of the latter are constantly under the influence of liquor, and that the liquor laws are indifferently enforced. Poor Lawrence, will she ever have a police force to suit her?

ELOQUENT EGG.

When a candidate's endeavoring to elucidate his views,

[illegible] such as classic authors use,

[illegible] to hear him while your [illegible],

But [illegible] pleadings with [illegible] eggs,

[illegible] and eggs!

[illegible]

TWO WASHINGTONS.

[illegible] Old Washington [illegible] Washington [illegible] ington of New York who occupied this room last night."

"Humph," grunted the stranger as he left the room and marched down stairs to the hotel office. A great big, tall man was coming to the clerk, but before handing out the call the stranger looked at the register book and, sure enough, on the page of the day before was registered the name, "John G. Washington."

BOSTON DOG SHOW

Keen Competition for Special Prizes

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The 20th annual bench show of the New England Kennel club closed last night with a large number of keen competitions for special prizes.

The morning judging completed the regular classes of the show and with fifty special classes for the balance of the day the judges had hard work clearing the program at the afternoon an evening sessions. The feature of the day was the taking of the championship challenge cup offered by the Ladies' Kennel association of America by Mrs. George H. Thomas of Magnolia with Champion Wilbur Force an old English sheep dog.

Dwight Moore, of New York, won the prize for the best Boston terrier with Boylston Reina. The Officers' Puppy Bowl, another of the important special prizes, went to Mrs. E. H. Seagrave of Wakefield, with her cocker spaniel Lakeview Model. Mrs. Seagrave also won the puppy sweepstakes with the same dog.

In the English toy terriers the Ashton Kennels of Southampton, N. Y., won three firsts. In the bull terriers F. F. Dole of New Haven, Conn., took seven firsts, mostly with Edgeworth's Mercenaire of Navarra. There were 31 classes of French bull dogs and the Nelkote Kennels, of Riverdale, N. Y., won nearly everything, their best dog being Nelkote Poupoule. Yesterday's attendance was the largest in the history of the local bench show.

GREAT PARADE

IN HONOR OF RATIFICATION OF PANAMA TREATY.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 26.—The ratification of the Panama treaty was celebrated here last night by a demonstration including a parade fully a mile long. Business men marched through the streets with torches, colored lights and transparencies. One float represented Uncle Sam waving a copy of the treaty over his head and another represented President Roosevelt in the act of signing the document. Banners with inscriptions "The South has been recognized," and similar legends were scattered along the line.

ADMIRAL CONVERSE

TO SUCCEED REAR ADMIRAL O'NEIL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The president has selected Rear Admiral George A. Converse chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy department to succeed Rear Admiral Charles O'Neil, chief of the bureau of ordnance, when the latter retires at an early date, and Captain Henry N. Manney, to succeed Rear Admiral Converse in the bureau of equipment.

SLEIGHING PARTY.

A jolly sleighing party of young people started from in front of one of the Coffee houses on Market street, early last evening, with its destination for Mercier's well known resort near Lakeview. A bountiful collation was provided by Mr. Mercier, followed by vocal and instrumental music and dancing. The affair was in charge of John J. Shea as general manager and John Croston performed the delicate function of floor director for the terpsichorean diversion.

SENATOR QUAY MUCH IMPROVED.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 25. Inquiry made last night as to the condition of Senator M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania, who was reported ill at St. Lucie, Fla., brought the response that the senator's health has been much improved since coming to Florida.

PUTNAM & SON CO.

166 Central Street

Five Rousing Bargains in Neglige Shirts

Lot No. 1. Fine Negliges.

We have just received from one of the best manufacturers in America, who supplies us with all of our fine negliges, 40 dozens of as handsome shirts as you could wish to see.

These shirts are practically custom-made, of fine woven madras in splendid patterns.

To this lot we have added all of our own expensive negliges that sold for $2 and $1.50. The collection embraces neat, dark effects—plain white, and light grounds with small figures. There are separate cuffs with each shirt; sizes are 14 to 18. The price now on these $2 and $1.50 shirts is - - - **75c**

Lot No. 2. 50 Dozens of the New Spring Negliges

in the most attractive styles we have ever shown, of woven madras, woven cheviot, handsome Garner percales and white madras. These shirts are nicely made, with double stitched flat seams, cushioned neck bands, extra wide bodies and 36 inches in length. Separate cuffs. The best shirt ever offered for **50c**

Lot No. 3. 30 Dozens of Men's Spring Patterns, Neglige Shirts

Woven and printed madras in light and dark grounds, small figures and stripes, every shirt cut a full yard long, neatly made with flat seams and gussets, good, wide bodies, separate cuffs with each shirt, sizes 14 1-2 to 17. We offer these **35c**
3 Shirts for $1.00

Lot No. 4. 20 Dozens of Men's Neglige Shirts

sizes 15 to 17 only—on account of the broken range of sizes we offer these at exactly half price. Cut 36 inches long, with wide bodies and flat seams. All light grounds, separate cuffs—they are worth 50c. This lot marked **25c**

Lot No. 5. 50 Dozens of Boys' Neglige and Laundered Bosom Shirts

sizes 12 to 14. All handsome and attractive spring patterns, made in the same thorough way as the men's shirts, and of good, generous sizes. Two collars and a pair of separate cuffs with the neglige shirts, and a pair of separate cuffs with the laundered bosoms. You will never match these for 50 cents. While the lot lasts our price is **35c**
3 Shirts for $1.00

CHILDREN'S DAY AT CASTO.

Tomorrow is children's day at the Casto theatre, and the current bill is one that will appeal especially to the school children. The Eight English Girls in their novel and attractive act will prove a hit with the young folks. The girls are all pretty, and are excellent singers, clever dancers and graceful acrobats. Their act is a novelty and one which for the past two years has been the sensation of London. Fannie and Claude Usher, "Just kids," present their slang classic entitled "Tough Love," and it contains many comedy lines and also a pathetic side which is touching. The remainder of the program is made up of comedy acts and all are excellent. Green trading stamps are given free with orchestra tickets. Pursuant to Manager Haynes' usual custom the Casto will close on Saturday evening, Feb. 27th, and remain closed during Lent. An all star program has been arranged for the opening of the Spring season which takes place on Monday matinee, April 4th.

MAY GO TO PANAMA.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Feb. 26.—Col. J. W. Duncan, commander at Fort Leavenworth, issued an order yesterday for the Sixth infantry soldiers to be fitted for field service. Each company is ordered to be ready for a campaign on short notice. Col. Duncan stated that the order was intended to bring about a greater state of efficiency in the regiment. Other officers are of the opinion that the order means service in Panama.

GENERAL RATE WAR.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 26. The Express today prints an interview with a traffic official of one of the trunk lines in which he predicts that the grain rate war now in progress between Buffalo-New York lines and the Pennsylvania will become a general rate war within six weeks.

Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday — 2 Instead of 1 — Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday

2 for 1

New Idea Shoe Co.

121 MERRIMACK STREET

Double Green or Blue Trading Stamps Saturday

We Are Also Closing Out Our Rubber Goods Below Cost

THINK OF IT

Over 200 Cases Ladies' 50c Storm Cut or Croquet Rubbers in all widths and good wide toes. We can fit any shoe. All sizes, 2 1-2 to 8 - - - - - - - - Sale Price **29c pr**

Misses' Storm or Low Cut Rubbers, all sizes. Sale Price **25c pr**

Men's Storm Cut or Self Acting Rubbers. All Sizes and up to date Toes. Sale Price - - **29c pr**

Men's $2.50 and $3.00 Heavy Box Calf Leather Lined or Duck Lined Shoes (Goodyear Welt) Every Pair Warranted. Sale Price **$1.98 pr**

Ladies' $1.50 Heavy Sole, Solid Leather, pat. tip Shoes Sale Price **98c pr**

2 for 1   2 for 1

Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday — 2 Instead of 1 — Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday

CHILDREN'S DAY

Seven Small Boys Before Judge Hadley

TWO OF THEM HAD COURT RECORDS

They Stole Coal and Milk Bottles

"If your mother sends you out to the railroad tracks to steal coal, disobey her. That's all there is to it," said Judge Hadley decidedly to two small boys this morning when they pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing coal from the freight cars on the railroad tracks near the six arch bridge.

The boys were brothers, Arthur and Joseph McHugh, and it seems they have been making frequent visits to the tracks for the home coal supply. The oldest was not over 12 years of age and the court after giving them a sound lecture on the evil of their ways, placed them in charge of the probation officer.

It was juvenile day in court and nearly all of Judge Hadley's time was taken up with cases in which the defendants were all very small boys, much to the court's regret, for of all offenders who come before him Judge Hadley is most affected at the sight of children, for a life's experience in court has taught him that those who begin young to appear before the court in many cases will be found there again in later life.

Agent Carlton, the state agent who looks after the interests of children brought into court, and Mr. Stewart of the Lowell Boys' club, which has been doing much good work for the street gamins, were in attendance as were the weeping mothers of some of the boys.

James O'Hara, Thomas Niland, Joseph Joseph, Robert H. Jones and William Gumlich were in for larceny of milk bottles, the property of David C. Donaldson on Washington's birthday. The boys followed a milk wagon which contained the bottles and when the driver was in a store they stole 11 empty bottles, which they afterwards sold for 10 cents apiece. O'Hara is the oldest of the quintet, 12 years of age, and yet it was his third appearance, the youngsters having been in for breaking and entering, and stealing coal previously. Niland was in for the second time, now being on probation, while it was also Joseph's second offence. The other two boys who are only nine years of age were in as the result of keeping bad company. Judge Hadley demanded of the mothers of the boys if they ever taught their children if it was wrong to steal, and they replied that they had and that their boys were all right when at home but went bad when they got out with the other boys.

Judge Hadley then called Niland and O'Hara before him and told them that if they ever appeared before him again he would send them to the Lyman school. All weepingly promised to reform and the court fined the three who had been in before $3 each and the two smaller boys $2 each.

Before the juvenile session two drunks were disposed of. Catherine McVey was in for the third time and the court sent her to the workhouse for three months.

Joseph Caderette asked for a continuance of the liquor case against him for one week and it was allowed.

DUNBAR MEETING

Held by Swedes of Ward Nine

The Swedish republicans of ward nine which form quite a power in that ward held a well attended rally in the rooms of the Swedish Athletic club, last evening, in the interest of Frank E. Dunbar, candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. The members and their friends turned out in force and they accorded a royal reception to the candidate.

Among the prominent ward nine residents present were: Peter Nelson, Erick Widlin, Carl F. Pihl, Frank Lundburg, Gustaf Johnson, Gustaf Anderson, Bernard Lindquist, Olaf Barnston, John Miller, John Baxter, John Cavanaugh, William Wallace Logan, Gustaf Rubin, Anders Gustafson, Hermann Fropd, Carl Gustafson, Isadore Pearson, Swanter Pearson, A. K. Brander, John Pearson, Nels Anderson, Samuel Anderson and others.

The speakers were Frank E. Dunbar, Col. A. M. Chadwick, Edmund B. Conant, William A. Thatcher, Robert F. Marden, Victor Pihl and Gustaf Knutson.

Mr. Knutson called to order and after brief remarks as to the purpose of the meeting, introduced the ward nine favorite, Col. A. M. Chadwick, who traced Mr. Dunbar's life as a successful young business man and recounted Mr. Dunbar's services to the party. "There is no question as to what choice to make," said the colonel "Mr. Dunbar deserves your support. He is the man who can best represent the republican interests of Lowell in such a great gathering."

Robert F. Marden, son of the redoubtable George A. Marden of many a national political fight, made his debut in national politics by a strong speech in behalf of Mr. Dunbar's candidacy. He doubted if any other candidate could represent the district more faithfully, "and," he said, "if you gentlemen will stand by us you will do the city of Lowell, the district and yourself, a great honor by choosing Mr. Dunbar to represent you."

Victor Pihl gave the assurance that Mr. Dunbar could be depended upon to be with Roosevelt and said of Mr. Dunbar: "The more you see of him, the more you hear of him, the more you will like him."

Ed. B. Conant made one of his breezy speeches in which he said that because Mr. Dunbar's opponent had held complimentary positions for 16 years it was no reason that he should continue to hold them forever. Mr. Dunbar is a man typical and representative of the district, and one who will make known that there is such a place on the map as this congressional district. Do something of which you will be proud bye and bye, by not only going to the caucus and voting for Mr. Dunbar, but by urging your friends to do so also."

William A. Thatcher predicted that Mr. Dunbar would carry ward nine by a vote of two to one.

Mr. Dunbar was greeted with applause as he arose to speak. He said that he was proud to receive the endorsement of the Swedish people, a race which it noted for its industry, sobriety and thrift. He told of his visit to Sweden last summer and of the very courteous treatment that was accorded him there.

Speaking of the campaign he said that after being thoroughly satisfied that Gov. Allen would not be a candidate he decided to seek the honor, and was in and out in favor of Theodore Roosevelt for the presidential nomination. Some time later Mr. Walsh announced his candidacy, and the "disturbance in your political repose is through no fault of mine." He stated that he would prize it a great honor to attend that convention and to follow in the lists of the great men wh have represented this district.

BILLERICA.

With the annual town meeting near at hand politics is beginning to boom in the town and they are discussed at every store and place where groups of men congregate. There is expected to be a lively time at the town meeting next month and there is much conjecture as to who the lucky ones will be on the 29th of the month. There are four candidates for the offices of selectmen, but it is expected that this number will be swelled to five or six before town meeting day.

Last year there were three tickets in the field and the rivalry was intense, while this year it is understood that the excitement is just as intense and that there will be something doing at the polls. The present board of selectmen, Messrs. Kohlrausch, Perry and Richardson, are up for re-election as is Albert Jones, former tax collector. The friends of former Selectman Josiah Wright are urging him to run for office, but as yet that gentleman has not signified his intention of having his name on the ballot.

The contest for road surveyor this year will be a spirited one, the candidates being Edward Spaulding and Edgar F. Trombley. Mr. Spaulding, the present incumbent, has held the office for three years and while he has always received a large vote when elected before it is thought by many that he will have to do a little canvassing this year as his opponent is very popular and bids fair to give Mr. Spaulding a hard battle at the polls.

Everett W. Livingston, police officer at the Centre, will run for constable again this year. George Crosby, who was appointed constable when E. B. Haskell resigned recently will also be a candidate and as Chief of Police Martin Conway seems practically sure of election, the contest for the second constable will be between the first two named.

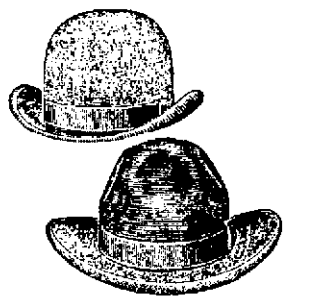
There will be no opposition to Herbert A. King for town clerk and treasurer and at present Tax Collector Victor I. Hosmer seems to have a clear field for the office.

The high wind of yesterday caused a number of drifts in the town highways and as a result the electric cars made very poor progress, none of the cars being on schedule time. It was 9 o'clock before the first Boston car arrived at the Centre and the drifts resulted in a general tie-up of the Lynn line. The Boston & Northern railroad had several gangs of men at work between the Centre and Lowell keeping the rails cleared. Highway Surveyor Spaulding also had an extra gang of men at work yesterday clearing the roads.

John W. Broadbent, who was seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia the past two weeks, is convalescing.

Double Dark Blue Stamps Saturday

Lamson & Hubbard



THE NEW SWELL

SPRING HATS

are here. Come see the show. Quite a change in the Derby Hat.

THE FLAT SET BRIM is the thing. Correct dressers who want correct hat styles can and do get them here. Stiff or Soft Hats without fancy prices. "Chalifoux Special," flat brim derby,

$2.00

"Chalifoux Special," Soft Hats,

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36 PAIRS OF LADIES' $1.50 LACE SHOES, SIZES 3 TO 7.

One Dollar a Pair

See Them in Our Windows.

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Misses' Rubbers	17c	Men's Rubbers	48c
Ladies' Low Rubbers	21c	Boys' Shoes	69c
Ladies' Storm Rubbers	39c	Men's Shoes	98c
Ladies' House Slippers	45c	Men's House Slippers	43c

STAMPS? Certainly—all colors

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

We shall offer our entire stock of

TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED HATS

at a fraction of their cost to make room for Spring Goods.

TRIMMED HATS FOR 69c, 98c, $1.98 AND $2.49
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Don't miss this sale.

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MONEY SAVERS

In Every Line

Men's $2.00 Shoes	$1.49
Men's $3.00 Rubber Boots	$2.50
Men's 75c Rubbers	49c
Ladies' $2.00 Shoes	$1.49
Ladies' 50c Rubbers (odd sizes)	25c
Ladies' $1.00 House Slippers	29c
Misses' 50c Rubbers	25c

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Lowell, Friday, February 26, 1904

A. G. Pollard & Co.

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AT LESS THAN HALF

Our Usual Feb. Sale Begins Today

15,000 YARDS

Of this season's manufacture. The entire accumulation of remnants from our silk mills.

WASH TAFFETAS, PEAU DE SOIE, PEAU DE CYGNE, LOUISENE, CREPE PRINCESS, PONGEES, ETC., in white, cream, pink, blue, nile green, lavender, tan, grey and a good assortment of dark colors.

Regular Price $1 a Yard

We have carefully matched these silks, put them up in dress and waist lengths and offer them for sale today at only

49c a Yard

If you come early you'll find quite a good assortment of pretty fancies and lining silks that we've put in at the same price.

PALMER STREET—LEFT AISLE.

THESE ELABORATE PRICE CUTTINGS ARE NOTICEABLE IN THE LADIES' READY-FOR-WEAR SECTION. WITH SIX WEEKS AND MORE OF WINTERISH WEATHER AHEAD OF US THE GREAT VALUES SHOULD BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.

Ladies' Tailor Made and Walking Suits

5 Suits at only $5.00 each, were $10.00, $12.50, $17.00 and $18.50.
12 Suits at only $10.00 each, were from $23.50 to $32.50.
4 Suits at only $12.50 each, were $35.00, $37.50 and $39.00.

Wrappers and House Dresses

28 Flannelette Wrappers only 98c each, were $1.49.
86 Percale Wrappers only 69c each, were 98c.
30 Percale Wrappers only 93c each, were $1.49.
14 Percale Wrappers only $1.29 each, were $1.75.
13 Percale Wrappers only $1.29 each, were $1.98.
14 House Dresses only 98c each, were $1.50.
13 House Dresses only $1.29 each, were $1.98.

Dress Skirts

1 Skirt, $3.95, reduced from $6.75.
1 Skirt, $3.95, reduced from $7.75.
1 Skirt, $3.95, reduced from $11.00.
2 Skirts, $4.05, reduced from $5.49.
1 Skirt, $4.95, reduced from $7.49.
11 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $7.25.
3 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $12.00.
1 Skirt, $4.95, reduced from $12.50.
1 Skirt, $9.95, reduced from $17.00.

Walking Skirts

1 Skirt, $4.95, reduced from $7.49.
5 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $8.75.
2 Skirts, $5.95, reduced from $7.75.
8 Skirts, $6.95, reduced from $10.00.
2 Skirts, $6.95, reduced from $11.75.
7 Skirts, $8.95, reduced from $11.50.
1 Skirt, $8.95, reduced from $12.50.
4 Skirts, $9.95, reduced from $13.50.
3 Skirts, $9.95, reduced from $15.00.
1 Skirt, $10.95, reduced from $16.50.

Rain Coats

Medium Heavy Weight Oxfords, Tans, Etc.

2 at $7.95 each, were $18.50.
2 at $7.95 each, were $15.75.
1 at $9.95, was $19.50.
1 at $9.95, was $22.50.
1 at $9.95, was $23.50.

Flannelette Kimonas

7 at 29c, were 50c each.
13 at 49c, were 75c each.
8 at 49c, were $1.00 each.

Eider Down Bath Robes

34 at $2.45, were $3.50 and $3.98 each.
9 at $3.45, were $5.00.
10 at $4.45, were $6.50 and $7.50, in Red, Blue and Gray.

Kersey Capes

4 only, at $2.50 each, were $5.00.

Children's Short Coats

Sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12.

5 at $1.49 each, were $3.99.
5 at $1.98 each, were $5.98, sizes 2 to 6.
2 Coats at $3.95, were $9.00.
5 Coats at $2.95, were $5.00.
2 Coats at $1.95, were $3.50.
1 Velvet Coat for $3.95, was $10.00.

Long Flannelette Kimonas

10 at 95c, were $1.75 each.
3 at $1.95, were $3.75 each.

Eider Down Sacques

8 at 45c, were 75c each.
9 at 65c, were 95c each.
1 at 95c, was $1.98.
2 at 95c, were $2.50.
1 at 95c, was $3.95.

SALE BEGINS TODAY. EAST SECTION, SECOND FLOOR

Ladies' Knit Gloves

At Half and a Third Off the Regular Prices.

4800 pairs of Fabric Gloves are offered to you. The balance of a manufacturer's stock of Woolen and Mercerized Gloves, in plain colors and fancies, regular price 50c and 75c a pair, only.....25c PAIR

West Section—North Aisle.

Ladies' Hosiery

Reduced One-Third.

FOR 15c—Black Cotton Hose, with round toe and heel, split sole, were 19c a pair.

FOR 19c—Heavy Fleeced Hose, in fast black and split sole, were 25c a pair.

FOR 19c—Sample Stockings, plain and lace lisle styles, were 25c a pair at first sale.

FOR 12½c—Children's Extra heavy Fleeced Hose, double knee and heel, were 17c a pair.

FOR 19c—Children's Sample Hose, fine and heavy weight, were 25c a pair at first sale.

West Section—Left Aisle.

Linens, Etc.

"Specials."

FOR 6¼c EACH—300 dozen Huck Towels, tri-color border, regular price 10c each.

FOR 12½c EACH—60 dozen All Linen Tray Cloths, regular price 19c.

FOR $1.25 DOZEN—100 dozen Napkins, were $1.50.

FOR $2.50 DOZEN—50 dozen Dinner Napkins, were $3.50.

FOR $2.98 DOZEN—100 dozen Napkins, were $4.00.

FOR $1.98 EACH—75 Pattern Table Cloths, 2½x3 yards long, were $4.00 and $5.00 each.

FOR $1.00 YARD—10 pieces Bleached Damask, extra fine worth, were $1.25 and $1.39.

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

Men's Cotton Socks

Every year at this time we offer an early sale of MILL SECONDS of the

"QUAKER HOSE"

For Men and Boys

Extra good quality of Hose, in fast black, fast brown and tans, some very fine and some in the heavier quality and strong, all sizes and worth 15c and 25c a pair at regular values. We put them all in one lot at

9 Cents Pair

3 Pairs 25 Cents

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY IN PALMER STREET AND SALE IN BASEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Another Good Offering

—50 Dozen of—

Men's Black Sateen Shirts

Extra fine quality, fast black, well made throughout with all the latest improvements. Very best sateen shirt that can be made for 50c, but we sell them for only

47c Each

SEE DISPLAY IN PALMER STREET WINDOW. SALE IN BASEMENT.

SUSPENDERS

We have got a good variety of those Suspenders we sell at half price. 25c for the 50c ones, and 15c for the 25c ones.

BASEMENT

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

Rugs, Draperies, Etc.

FOR 98c EACH—100 new Axminster Sample Rugs, 23x63 inches, in all bright, new colorings, worth $1.50 each.

FOR 29c EACH—200 new Ingrain Samples, yard wide, yard and a quarter long, all wool.

FOR 39c YARD—2500 yards new Drapery Silk, remnants, worth 75c and $1.00. New designs, suitable for mantle drapery, piano scarfs or fancy pillow covers.

FOR 12½c YARD—1500 yards new Sash Curtain Muslin, full yard wide, stripes, figures, etc. The 15c and 17c grade.

FOR 98c PAIR—75 pairs new Bobbinet Curtains, with lace edge and insertion, worth $1.25 a pair.

West Section—Gallery.

Tea and Coffee

FOR 70c—A pound of Coffee, one-half pound of Tea, one can Ralston Cocoa, one can Pet Cream.

With every can of our Baking Powder we'll give a dollar's worth of free stamps.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

Waist Sets

FOR 10c—50 Gold Plated Waist Sets, 3-pin style, regular price 25c.

Leighton's Royal Cream

Best for chapped hands, face or lips, inflammed or irritated condition of the skin arising from exposure.

25c for 4 ounce jar.
50c for 8 ounce jar.

Demonstration, West Section, Right Aisle.

WACHTER PLAYED

The "Race Horse" in the Game

TOBY MATTHEWS LEADS THEM ALL

Natick Took a Game From Hudson

Wachter, the "race horse," has come and gone.

With him went a defeat for Haverhill and Connie Driscoll's best laid plans went for nothing.

Wachter played his part well. He was bandaged and padded, he trotted all over the playing space, he lived up to his reputation for roughness and he started the ball rolling for Haverhill by scoring two baskets in almost as many minutes.

Haverhill never fought so hard for victory and Lowell never exerted itself so strenuously to win. So it was a case of giants battling for superiority and the local men came out on top.

Wachter and Horan, the two new men for Haverhill, were presented to the audience by Referee Connors and were given a good reception, but it remained for Toby Matthews to get the glad hand and every chance the crowd had to cheer for Toby they rooted in great style and to their heart's content.

Toby was the big fellow in the game all right and he was entitled to all the credit that the spectators gave him. He was up against Horan and the two played an exceptionally fast game. For two periods they showed how basketball should be played and then Horan retired and Bill Kelliher took his place.

Bill and Matthews were inclined to mix it up a bit, but all was forgiven, as no damage was done. Kane was on hand with the goods, scoring six baskets.

The game was marred by some exceptionally rough house tactics and not a few of these escaped the eagle eye of the referee. Jimmy Harrington was inclined to go out of his way to commit a foul and he was penalized a number of times. Abbott of the local team was also taken to task for hanging on to his man, but several like offences on the part of the visitors were never counted. Bucky Lew played in his usual style and really put up a grand exhibition. Bucky still keeps up his reputation as one of the fastest in the league. His great floor work last night was a feature of the game. Getzinger was pitted against the race horse Wachter and the two were at it from the start of the game until the whistle blew for the finish. Haverhill started in to do things right away and before the Lowell players struck their gait the visitors had four points to their credit. Then Lowell managed to locate the basket, the score being credited to Matthews, and with this opening the local team went right at it and played the game in a way that will always win. When the period ended Lowell had the lead and after that were never headed. The last period was easy for the locals and they shot all kinds of baskets.

LOWELL—36	24—HAVERHILL
Kane lf	rb Doyle
Matthews rf	lb Horan, Kelliher
Getzinger c	c Wachter
Tigue lb	rf Lew
Abbott rb	lf Harrington

FIRST PERIOD.

Goal, Haverhill, Wachter	2—0
Goal, Haverhill, Wachter	4—0
Goal, Lowell, Matthews	4—2
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle	6—2
Goal, Lowell, Kane	6—4
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	6—6
Third foul, Haverhill, Harrington	6—7
Goal, Lowell, Mathews	8—9
Goal, Lowell, Kane	8—11
Goal, Lowell, Kane	8—13
Third foul, Lowell, Abbott	7—13
Goal, Haverhill, Horan	9—13
Goal, Lowell, Mathews	9—15
Goal, Haverhill, Horan	11—15

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Haverhill, Doyle	11—15
Third foul, Lowell, Getzinger	12—16
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle	14—16
Goal, Lowell, Mathews	14—18
Goal, Haverhill, Horan	16—18
Third foul, Haverhill, Harrington	16—19
Goal, Haverhill, Wachter	18—19
Goal, Lowell, Kane	18—21
Goal, Lowell, Mathews	18—23
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	18—25
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews	19—25
Goal, Lowell, Kane	19—27
Goal, Lowell, Mathews	19—29

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Haverhill, Lew	19—30
Goal, Lowell, Kane	19—32
Goal, Lowell, Mathews	19—34
Third foul, Lowell, Abbott	20—34
Goal, Haverhill, Harrington	22—34
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle	24—34

Score—Lowell 34, Haverhill 24. Goals from floor—Mathews 7, Kane 6, Abbott 2, Wachter 8, Doyle 3, Horan 3, Harrington. Points on fouls—Lowell 4, Haverhill 4. Fouls committed—Mathews 6, Abbott 6, Getzinger 2, Kane, Lew 3, Horan, Harrington 4, Doyle 5, Wachter. Referee—Charles Connors of Lowell. Timekeepers—Bucky Halloran for Lowell, Connie Driscoll and Henry Tighe for Haverhill.—Attendance 1000.

NATICK DEFEATED HUDSON.

HUDSON, Feb. 26.—The Natticks defeated the home team here last night in a well-fought contest by a score of 32 to 23. In the first period the score alternated, first one side in the lead and then the other. Just before the end of the first period the Hudsons tied the score, making it 5 to 5, when Bill Sheridan made a third foul, putting the home team in the lead 6 to 5. The second period was also a strenuous one, the Natticks ending the period with the score in their favor 16 to 15. Natick in the third period put in two new men, Hayes taking Punch's place at left back and Joe Lynch relieving Falle at left forward. Hudson had no spare men at command and had to play out the game with the lineup that it started in with. As a result of the change in the visiting team's lineup the [illegible] ran up with the result already [illegible].

Lineup and summary.

HUDSON—23	32—NATICK
Evers lf	rb Martens
Corcoran rf	lb Punch, Hayes
Loos c	c W. Sheridan
Leighton rb	lf Falle, Lynch
Kennedy lb	rf H. Sheridan

Score—Natick 32, Hudson 23. Goals from the floor—Kennedy 4, Punch 5, Leighton 3, W. Sheridan 2, Martens 2, Evers 2, Hayes 2, H. Sheridan. Points on fouls—Natick 5, Hudson 5. Fouls committed—Corcoran 7, Loos 3, Leighton 2, Kennedy 4, Martens, Punch 3, W. Sheridan 3, Falle 3, H. Sheridan 3, Hayes, Lynch. Referee—Michael Godley of Fitchburg. Timekeepers—Hugh Hanley for Natick, John Regan for Hudson. Attendance—600.

LOWELL T. S. 14, HAVERHILL H. S. 4.

Lowell textile school team defeated Haverhill high school basketball team 14 to 4 last night after the league game in Huntington hall. Church won the game for Lowell. The summary:

LOWELL T. S.	HAVERHILL H. S.
Church rf	rb Giles
Cutler lf	lb Ross
Donnellan c	c Sprague
Moore lb	lf Barrows
Lucy rb	rf Prescott

Score, Lowell T. S. 14, Haverhill H. S. 4. Goals from floor, Church 5, Sprague 2, Lucy, Donnellan. Referee, H. White, Tuner, Halloran. Time, 15m. halves.

ON THE ALLEYS

ORIENTS DEFEATED BELMONTS IN CLOSE GAME.

In the tournament of the Lowell Recreation League the Orients defeated the Belmonts last evening by a score of 1194 to 1192. Kelley of the victorious team was high single and high total man. For the Belmonts, Butterfield was high total man and high single, leading both teams in this respect.

The score:

ORIENTS.

	1	2	3	Total
Kelley	74	86	90	250
Galvin	80	76	79	235
Lyman	80	79	74	233
Kerrigan	77	78	81	236
Slavin	84	73	83	240
Total	395	392	407	1194

BELMONTS.

Snowman	75	77	81	233
McDonald	76	76	74	226
Stearns	78	78	71	227
Butterfield	75	89	94	258
Hall	85	73	80	238
Total	389	393	410	1192

DONOHUE TRIED

CHARGED WITH AIDING REGULATIONS AFFECTING DISCIPLINE.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 26—Lieut. Charles F. Donohue has been tried by court martial at Fort Monroe on the charge of aiding and abetting Lieut J. S. Oakes in committing gross violations of the regulations affecting discipline. The verdict was reached yesterday and the findings will be forwarded to Washington.

Lieut. Oakes will be tried on charges of intoxication and absenting himself without leave from the fort.

ENGINES COLLIDED

PASSENGERS THROWN FROM THEIR SEATS.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 26—Lake Shore limited, while running at the rate of 60 miles an hour yesterday, struck the engine of a freight train which had just started to pull on the main track from a siding six miles west of Port Clinton. Both engines were disabled and the passengers were thrown from their seats but no one was injured.

STRUCK BY CAR

VETERAN OF WAR WAS INJURED FATALLY.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 26—While attempting to cross Main street last night Peter Peterson was struck by an electric car and fatally injured, dying within an hour. Peterson was a veteran of the Civil war and left no family.

BLACKWATER MANOR SOLD.

PARSONS, W. Va., Feb. 26—Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, with a few of his business associates, has purchased the Blackwater manor, which covers 36,000 acres of timber land, containing pine and hemlock. The consideration is stated to be $1,080,000.

JACK BOLAN WON.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 26.—In a six-round bout last night between Jack Bolan of Cincinnati and Coney Cunningham of Cleveland, Bolan won in the third round when Cunningham's seconds threw up the sponge.

LOSS IS $75,000.

BRAINERD, Minn., Feb. 26.—Fire yesterday destroyed a number of business houses in this city. Loss, $75,000.

FIGHT FOR LIFE

Police Officer Attacked by Thugs

OFFICER STRUCK WITH HIS OWN CLUB

Prisoners Were Badly Used Up

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—For more than 20 minutes, last evening, Patrolman Edward Norton of division 10 was engaged in a battle at the corner of Pinden park and Tremont streets.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Norton, who patrols Tremont street below Roxbury crossing, was called into a barroom near Prentiss street to eject Michael McCue, to whom the bartender refused to sell any more liquor.

For a while McCue pleaded for a drink, but when he found the saloon people obdurate he started in to clean the place out. Patrolman Norton was notified, and when he entered the barroom McCue willingly accompanied the officer to the street.

He had gone only a short distance, however, when he asked Norton where he was going. Norton told him he was under arrest for drunkenness. McCue immediately began a vigorous fight for liberty. Unknown to the policeman a number of hangers-on in the vicinity had followed them along the street, and when McCue strove to get away they shouted their encouragement to him.

The crowd then closed in on the combatants and somebody reached out from behind and pulled Norton off his feet. He fell to the sidewalk, but clinging to his prisoner he dragged McCue with him.

Encouraged by their success the men, of whom there were a number in the crowd, tried to drag McCue from his grasp. Norton struggled to his feet, and as he did so an unknown man ran behind him, pulled his long stick from the socket in his belt, and struck the officer a crushing blow on the head.

This blow felled the officer to the sidewalk again, however, where he lay across the body of McCue, who had fallen with him. Meanwhile McCue had secured a grip upon his thont, and as Norton lay there half conscious, the unknown man struck him again.

At that moment Bernard T. Magee, the bartender in the saloon, ran to the assistance of the policeman, and succeeded in pulling Edward Kelley, one of the alleged assailants, away from the officer. Kelley put up a stiff fight, and the bartender was kept busy with him.

In the meantime somebody telephoned station 10 that an officer was being killed, and Lieut. Fessenden sent all the available men in the house to the scene under Sergt. O'Neil.

When the wagon arrived Norton had regained his feet, and although bleeding from two severe scalp wounds inflicted by his own club in the hands of the unknown man, had his prisoner beaten into submission.

The crowd scattered upon the arrival of the officers, but Magee clung to Kelley, who continued to struggle until some of the patrolmen took him in hand. Chase was given, but the police were unable to catch the unknown man who wrested the club from Norton.

McCue and Kelley were taken to station 10, where their wounds were dressed by Dr. Dolan. Norton was badly used up, as was also Magee. The officer had two severe scalp wounds, besides a number of cuts and bruises, and his clothing was torn and saturated with blood. Magee had been roughly handled as well, and a stitch was taken in a wound on his head.

McCue and Kelley were hardly recognizable when they were brought into the surgery in the station house to have their injuries dressed. Kelley's face was badly swollen and discolored and one of his eyes was completely closed. McCue had a wound three inches long on the head, and in addition, a number of other cuts and bruises.

After their wounds had been treated, Kelley and McCue were locked up, charged with drunkenness, and it is probable that a warrant will be asked for charging Kelley with assaulting an officer. Kelley lives at 89 Minden street, he says, and McCue at 1058 Columbus avenue.

POTTER WITHDRAWS

HE DROPS THE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL CASE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Frank H. Potter withdrew yesterday his charge that Miss Irene Stewart had wrongfully kept a $1000 bill he handed her on a certain occasion, and walked out of court grinning but looking sheepish.

Emanuel M. Friend, his attorney, let him sign an affidavit, saying that since he lodged the complaint against Miss Stewart a doubt had arisen in his mind as to whether she had kept his $1000 bill with criminal intent. Mr. Friend waved the affidavit before the bench, announced the withdrawal of the complaint on the ground of reasonable doubt and Magistrate Mayo dismissed the case.

Mr. Friend hurried out of court with a bundle which looked like letters. John Hoyer, Miss Stewart's counsel, denied having returned Mr. Potter's letters or any money.

Mr. Potter has had strenuous times since he began trying to recover his $1000. His wife has sued him for divorce; his partner has had a receiver appointed for their business; he has read his burning love letters in the newspapers, and he has paid heavy counsel fees.

LIBERTY BELL

MAY BE TAKEN TO THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 26—Against the earnest protest of Gov. Pennypacker the Pennsylvania commission to the St. Louis exposition by a vote of 16 to 3 yesterday decided to request the municipal authorities of Philadelphia to adopt such measures as may be necessary to insure the exhibition of the liberty bell in the Pennsylvania building during the exposition. Gov. Pennypacker took the position that the bell was too sacred a relic to be taken from Independence hall, where it is under constant police guard.

MUST INSPECT VESSELS.

COLON, Feb. 26—U. S. Consul Malmros has issued a notification to the effect that a U. S. medical officer must inspect all vessels sailing from here to the U. S. or its dependencies before the vessel can be granted a bill of health. Surgeon W. Derry of the U. S. marine hospital service has already arrived here and undertaken the required inspections.

$12,500 VERDICT

Guest Alienation Suit Won by Plaintiff

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—In the face of the remarkable testimony given by Mrs. A. Royal Guest, in her effort to defeat her husband's suit in the supreme court against Clarence L. Lowther for $75,000 for the alienation of her affections, the jury yesterday returned a verdict for $12,500 in favor of Mr. Guest, to which the court added 5 per cent. as counsel fees.

Mrs. Guest was not in court when the verdict was ordered. Mr. Guest showed his anxiety when the jury filed in by the haggard lines of his face and the tensely drawn lips. Lowther was plainly nervous, and he twisted his slight mustache continually. He appeared relieved when the amount of the verdict was announced, and Justice Forbes voiced what had been the general expectation that the verdict would be larger when, in denying Attorney Warren's motion for a new trial on the ground of an excessive award, he said:

"I see no ground for a new trial. If the jury believed Guest's story, the full amount for $75,000 asked for in the complaint would not have been excessive, and I think that under all the circumstances the jury has been exceedingly kind and merciful to your client."

The justice granted the defendant 30 days in which to appeal, and, in that event, 60 days extra in which to make a case of exceptions. Mr. Guest and his attorneys expressed themselves satisfied with the result, though, they said, they had expected a larger award.

The jury returned the verdict in two hours and 50 minutes after Justice Forbes charged it in these words:

"The plaintiff and his wife, Helen, were married when they were both about 19 years old, and were enjoying the marital relations, as the plaintiff claims, until she met the defendant. The husband pleads that the defendant entered his home with the settled purpose in his mind to steal away his wife's affections. This wife left her home, leaving her husband and a young child, and the plaintiff saw nothing of her until she appeared on the stand before you.

"The domestic circle has been held so sacred throughout civilization that no man has a right to enter that circle and separate man and wife, and when that does happen the strong arm of the law interposes to protect the husband and punish the guilty. If you believe that Lowther did accomplish the breaking up of this home, then Guest is entitled to a verdict for such damages as you may decide.

"The wife says that the defendant did not alienate her affections; that she lost her love for her husband nearly six years ago, and that she went away of her own accord. If this is true, the defendant is entitled to your verdict.

"A man and his wife may disagree, but the family circle is not to be debauched, even though there is not harmony in the family. Take into consideration the confessed condition of Mrs. Guest and Lowther in Omaha. It is admitted that they lived in the same house, as brother and sister, in two rooms with a connecting door between. The case has been sensational, but the responsibility is now with you to uphold society in some decent form."

MINERS KILLED

As the Result of a Cave-in

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 26.—Five miners were killed by a cave-in of earth in the Minnie Healy mine yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1000 foot level. Early in the day Foreman Joseph Kane was informed that the ground in that place was very soft and in danger of falling. He withdrew all the miners who were working there. In the afternoon Shift Boss Haggerty took four men into the place to bulkhead and otherwise strengthen the weak spots. Just how the fall came will never be known as not one of the five escaped. Only two bodies have been recovered.

POLICY CANCELLED

BECAUSE MAN TOOK PART IN STEEPLE CHASE.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in which it held that an insurance company had the right to cancel an accident insurance policy held by Harry Smith because the insured was accustomed to participate in steeple chasing.

Mr. Smith is a cotton manufacturer of Grafton and a well known sportsman. Some time ago he took out an accident insurance policy which was later cancelled by the company when its officials learned that the policy holder took part in steeple chasing. The policy was surrendered by a clerk in the employ of Mr. Smith, and the latter subsequently brought suit for its recovery. Failing in the superior court the plaintiff appealed. In yesterday's decision the supreme court found participating in steeple chasing to be "voluntary exposure to unnecessary danger" within the meaning of the plaintiff's policy.

FR. BOUCHARD DEAD.

MONTREAL, Feb. 26—Fr. Bouchard, a well-known Jesuit priest and expert electrician, while repairing some wires at St. Mary's college yesterday received a shock with fatal results.

ONE WOMAN DEAD

Three Men Were Fatally Burned

BELLAIRE, O., Feb. 26.—One woman is dead and three men fatally burned as a result of a powder explosion south of here yesterday. The Polish miner had a keg of powder in the kitchen and was stooping over it to fill his can preparatory to entering the Empire mine. A drop of burning oil from his miner's lamp fell into the powder and a terrific explosion followed, destroying the house. The miner's wife was killed and the men were blown into the street. None can live. Seven shanties occupied by miners were destroyed in the fire.

MGR. SARAFFIN EXPECTED SOON.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26—Mgr. Saraffin, apostolic visitor to Mexico, recently appointed by Pope Pius, will reach this country within a short time. He will not, as announced by the foreign press, represent the vatican before this government, as Mexico cannot receive in that capacity a diplomatic representative of the vatican. His mission will be entirely ecclesiastical.

MISS CLAYTON ENGAGED.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26—The engagement is announced of Miss Cathleen Clayton, youngest daughter of U. S. Ambassador Powell Clayton, to Arthur Cunningham Grant Duff, charge d'affaires of Great Britain, who has been here some months. Another daughter of the ambassador married Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister at Washington.

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AN ABLE LECTURE

By Frank P. Putnam on Engraving

BEFORE THE MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Discourse Illustrated by Davis Collection

WORKS OF THE GREAT ETCHERS TREATED

The Lecturer Showed Familiarity With All

Frank P. Putnam of this city appeared before the Middlesex Women's club yesterday afternoon and gave an exceptionally interesting talk on the Art of Engraving. When invited by the club to talk on the subject it was with considerable hesitancy that Mr. Putnam accepted the invitation and those who had the pleasure of hearing his talk yesterday afternoon wondered at the profundity of his knowledge of the subject and his almost personal acquaintance with the great engravers. "It would have been downright mean of Mr. Putnam had he denied us so unusual a treat," said a club member after Mr. Putnam had finished. His talk was illustrated with the splendid collection of prints known as the Davis collection from the city library. The collection consists of about 1400 prints and original drawings and date from the 15th century to the present time. The very best judges have declared that the library trustees purchased the collection for a small fraction of its value.

Mr. Putnam in his opening remarks said: "I feel scarcely competent to talk to you about engraving, as my knowledge of the subject for an amateur is limited, and such only as has been acquired by making a small collection of prints for my own enjoyment.

When, however, your committee asked me to speak to you about the John Davis collection of prints at the city library, it occurred to me that possibly a little talk about these pictures might strengthen the interest of the members of the Women's club in the collection, and, if that were done, it seemed to me assured, that through your influence a broader public interest in the prints would be awakened."

It was modesty pure and simple that prompted Mr. Putnam to incorporate into his opening remarks the statement that his knowledge of the subject was limited. Never perhaps in the history of the club has a speaker manifested a greater or more comprehensive knowledge of his subject than did Mr. Putnam.

Owing to the great length of his discourse it would be next to impossible for a newspaper to do it justice. It would be valuable if published in pamphlet form.

ABSTRACT OF THE LECTURE.

Relative to the collection of prints with which this talk was illustrated, Mr. Putnam said: "As there seems to be some misunderstanding about this collection, and as to how it was acquired, I will say in explanation that the late John Davis left a legacy to the trustees of the city library without restriction as to its use. Two years ago a fine collection of prints was sold in Boston, where the trustees bought most of these, for a fraction of their value, using a small part of a year's income from the John Davis' legacy for that purpose.

The German, Italian, French, Flemish, Dutch and English schools are fairly represented, and it contains specimens of engraving on wood and metal by most of the various processes employed.

Engraving is not a new invention. Egyptian and Babylonian, Greek and Roman seals and inscriptions furnish thousands of examples of its antiquity. It was the discovery early in the fifteenth century of the process by which impressions from an engraving might be multiplied, that is comparatively new.

Before referring to the pictures I think we should first consider the engraver's problem: On a block of wood or a metal plate he has to cut lines and dots so that in an impression on white paper in printers' ink alone, these lines and dots shall represent natural objects or reproduce the effects that the painter has created by the use of a thousand tints. He has to present form and substance—to trick us by perspective and render the play of light and shade. He must translate into black and white the color values of nature or a painting. All of this he does—and more. He indicates the very character of matter so that in his picture we distinguish between earth and sky, the flowing stream and the overhanging trees, while flesh, hair and drapery are successfully imitated. Even the textures are so skillfully represented that we perceive the difference between velvet and satin, lace and linen and can say this is steel or that marble. Now these effects are so real that it is difficult for us to believe that what the eye sees is only white paper dotted or lined with black.

Need we hesitate then to regard a fine print as a work of fine art, or to consider the engraver as an artist, since he has produced these marvellous pictorial effects by the use of two such simple elements as the line and dot with a color scheme limited to black and white? I think it follows—when we consider the cost of prints—that in no other way at so small an expense, as by their purchase can we acquire good examples of art.

Certainly not in the photograph, for while the photograph gives quite exactly the linear proportion of objects, it does not give the true values in black and white of the colored picture that is copied.

It is no respecter of the color scale.

To emphasize this difference between a fine print and a photograph showing what we owe to the skill of the engraver in reproducing color relations, we have here Fredrich Muller's great plate of the "Sistine Madonna" and one of the best photographs taken direct from that painting. I think a comparison of the two pictures will make the difference in tonal values that exists between a fine print and a photograph perfectly apparent to you all.

In a print we have the work of an artist in which his own pictorial ideas are represented or the work of another interpreted; in neither case is it a simple mechanical reproduction. If the engraver reproduces the design of another artist, he should not be regarded as an imitator for we have seen that when he makes an engraving after a painting, he translates truly with chiaro 'scuro the coloring of the picture—and abstracting the tints gives us only their values.

Charles Sumner very happily expressed this when he wrote "Bryant's Homer and Longfellow's Dante are presentations of the originals in another language." So is the engraving a presentation of painting in another material which is like another language.

If we turn to the examples left us by the great masters of engraving we find they have rendered not only the whole life and feeling of the picture reproduced, preserving the true spirit of the original, but they have added to this a touch of their own artistic sensibilities. And as many of the early masters were engravers as well as painters, engraving their own subjects, we have in their plates original conceptions in which the artist has written his thought and memories—and this is true of course of the painter-etchers of our own time.

Such original work was done by Durer on his copper plates and by Rembrandt—perhaps the two greatest names in engraving—and as Rembrandt printed from many of his plates it is by no means unlikely that a print of his, in an early state, may be an impression taken by the great etcher himself.

As to the artistic value of a collection of prints it may be said that with it we become "the heirs of all the ages," for a print goes where a painting cannot go—and it is apparent that one these translations of the master painters we of America must depend for much of our art knowledge.

From the practical side prints may appeal to us. They are not expensive. There are of course rare prints as there are rare books—impressions that bring hundreds and thousands of dollars on account of their scarcity or condition—but, these are by no means the most beautiful examples, nor ordinarily, the most desirable, and no one interested in prints need be deterred from undertaking a collection by the cost of these scarce specimens.

THE DAVIS COLLECTION.

"The prints hanging about this room have been selected from the library collection to illustrate the various processes of engraving, and the work of representative engravers as fully as our resources would permit." The speaker then entered upon a review of wood engraving the earliest of all.

Albert Durer, the speaker said, was the most important figure in the history of wood engraving, and through his influence it arose to the dignity of a fine art.

Albert Durer was born in Nuremberg in 1471, and died there in 1528. The son of a goldsmith, he followed his father's occupation until at the age of 16, expressing his determination to become a painter, he was given the opportunity to study. After serving his apprenticeship, he spent some time in travel—visiting northern Italy and Venice before settling down at Nuremberg to follow his profession.

The examples shown here are "The Four Riders" from the Apocalypse, two prints from "The Greater Passion," "The Last Supper" and "The Crucifixion," and four single prints, "Samson Killing the Lion," "The Holy Family with Three Rabbits," "The Holy Trinity" and "The Bath." A true appreciation of the greatness of Albert Durer can be found by comparing his work with that which had preceded it. In his compositions we have the expression of a great and serious mind influenced by a powerful imagination and there appears a unity in his work that until this time had been but dimly foreshadowed. No student of Durer can fail to be impressed by the sympathy that he had with his subject and the truth and tenderness with which that feeling was expressed. With him the accessories become of importance and the drawing is free, accurate and intelligent. No artist ever drew more frankly what he saw, no man ever saw more clearly. Not that excessive detail makes art, but Durer gives no detail without sacrificing the breadth and unity of his design.

Another famous German whose wood prints are shown here, and a contemporary of Durer, was Hans Burgmair, born in Augsburg in 1473. He perhaps ranks next to Durer as a draughtsman of that period. In conjunction with Durer he made many of the drawings for the Triumphal Procession of Maximilian, and he drew nearly all of the illustrations for "The Wise King," a work setting forth the wisdom and adventures of the Emperor Maximilian. Three of these prints from this work are shown.

After introducing other wood cuts of more or less importance, with brief sketches of the artists, Mr. Putnam turned to etching and said:

THE ETCHER'S ART.

"We will now turn to etching, although this does not follow engraving on wood; in point of time it may be considered before line engraving as many of the engravers on metal did preliminary work on their plates by etching. The etcher prepares a plate—usually copper—by covering its surface with a waxy ground; through this ground he draws his subject with a sharp-pointed instrument or needle, exposing the copper. Then about the edge a slight wall is raised and acid poured on to the plate; wherever the copper is left bare it is attacked by the acid and the lines eaten in. When those lines that are to appear lightest in the print are sufficiently bitten, the acid is poured off, and those lines protected by a coat of varnish. Acid is again applied to the plate, and this process of 'biting in' and 'stopping out' continued until the darkest parts are deeply enough bitten. The plate is then cleaned and ready for printing. To print from the plate it is covered with ink and afterwards all of the ink wiped from the surface, leaving ink in the sunken lines alone."

The speaker gave short comprehensive biographies of the great etchers as well as a faithful and interesting story of their works. He described the process of etching and eulogized Rembrandt whose great work demonstrates the power of an etching needle in the hand of a genius. Born in Leyden in 1606 Rembrandt died in Amsterdam in 1669, leaving over 400 etchings that collectively have never been equalled. He founded the Dutch school and his work completely represents every phase of it. "In his religious compositions," said the speaker, "his genius glorified etching and in his portraits he surpasses every one in the life-like delineation of character. His landscapes are truthful and picturesque views of his native Holland, admirably executed."

In speaking of the value of prints Mr. Putnam said that three etchings by Rembrandt, in 1893 sold at auction in London for the enormous sum of $28,500. The portrait of himself with sabre brought the highest price ever paid for a print, $10,000.

Speaking of the English etchers the speaker introduced the name of Sir Francis Seymour Hayden, not only the greatest etcher living but one of the greatest etchers of landscape that ever lived.

Two etchings by Whistler are contained in the collection. "Although the English school claims James Abbott McNeil Whistler," said the speaker, "we of Lowell may at least insist upon his Americanism. With all of his eccentricities Whistler stands in the foremost ranks of the world's etchers. Laughed at and scoffed, he kept persistently at work—following his own ideas until the day of appreciation came, when everything he did was pronounced perfect. And then, with true Whistler spirit he asked, 'If the work is good today, why was it not good when it was done?' The one man in the world best qualified to judge of their merits, Seymour Hayden, said: 'If I were compelled to give up my Rembrandts or my Whistlers, my Rembrandts would go first.'"

Line engraving, mezzo-tinting and stipple engraving were explained, with reference to the great artists in these lines, and specimens were pointed out.

The club members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Putnam's lecture and great interest was taken in the prints. Tea was served by the hospitality committee.

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Where Shall I Buy My Easter Dress Goods

Easter comes early this year, and the early buyers are out picking up the "Cream" of the stock.

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Don't delay your purchases. Buy now and you will secure the very best styles the market affords. Below we give you an idea of the new Spring Fabrics awaiting your inspection:

See our big Line of Novelties and Mixtures for Suits at 50c, 75c, 98c, $1.25, $1.50 Yd.

Great Value—All colors in New Veilings, 38 and 44 inches wide, very desirable at 50c and 69c Yd.

Our Special—All colors in Brilliantines, all the rage, at . . . . . 50c Yd.

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Blue Brilliantine—50 inches wide—dark and medium shades at . . . . . 59c Yd.

Big line Cream Dress Goods—Voiles at 50c, 75c and $1.00 Yd.

Nun's Veilings at . . 50c and 75c Yd.

Brilliantine at . . . . . 50c Yd.

Popular Cloth . . . . . 25c Yd.

Sicillian at . . . . . 75c Yd.

Don't forget our big line of Black Nun's Veilings, at 50c, 69c, 75c, $1, $1.25, $1.50 Yd.

Special Wrapper Offering

Just received from a reliable manufacturer 360 STYLISH WRAPPERS, in washable colors and pleasing patterns. They are perfect fitting, braid-trimmed, honestly made, and have full skirts and deep flounces.

WE OFFER

$1.00 values for.....75c and 85c

$1.25 values for..... 98c

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may exist as to the advisability of purchasing this or that particular article; but there is no question in the minds of the shrewdest buyers in stationery that the best and safest place to buy the best in quality and cost taken into consideration, is at

HARRIS, 10 APPLETON STREET

CLAIMS SETTLED

CASES BEING DISPOSED OF OUT OF COURT.

The cases resulting from the Riverside Park explosion are being settled right and left. It is understood that the companies involved are anxious to settle all claims out of court and 230 cases have already been adjusted. While some of the claimants settled, it is alleged, for much less than was stated in their claims the majority of them are satisfied to the extent that they would rather take a less amount and avoid litigation. It is understood that the Dupont Powder company, one of the alleged owners of powder kept at Riverside Park, is not a party to any of the settlements thus far made.

BRYAN MEETS McCLELLAN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—William J. Bryan called on Mayor McClellan today at the city hall. The mayor was summoned from a meeting of the board of estimates to meet Mr. Bryan.

MADE GOOD START

Committee on Education Down to Business

The committee on education, Alderman Gallagher chairman, held its first meeting last evening and got right down to business without waiting for the usual petitions to come down from the city council.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the city had bought a site, last year, for a new school house in Centralville, and that in the immediate future one ought to be built.

It was also stated that there was need of more accommodations at the Highland and Grand street schools.

The committee voted to make a trip of inspection on Monday afternoon. The schools mentioned, and the Centralville lot, will be visited, and if there is time the committee may make a further inspection.

ROCHAMBEAU COUNCIL, R. A.

The regular meeting of Rochambeau council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night Regent Cossette presiding. During the evening considerable business of importance was transacted. The following notice relative to the Rochambeau council appeared in the current issue of the Royal Arcanum Bulletin:

Rochambeau Council, No. 2064, initiated thirteen members December 29th as a fitting introduction for the trial of the Kempton ritual. It has a degree staff of fourteen young men connected with semi-military companies whose experience in that line served them in good stead in the different stages of the floor work. Rochambeau Council has been in existence only eight months. It was organized with twenty-nine members, and closed the year with fifty-six, having had only one death, that of Brother L. E. Richards, its first secretary, who perished in the explosion last July, and no suspensions.

The council, however, is now larger by 12 members than the 56 spoken of here, having recently held a class initiation in which that number were admitted.

Dr. Geo. E. Caisse, physician of the council, has received his commission as medical examiner of the Royal Arcanum.

L'Union St. Joseph held its regular meeting last evening at St. Joseph's hall, President J. S. Lapierre presiding. Routine business was transacted, after which Treasurer Turcotte gave his report of the whist party given Feb. 10 by the union. The fine sum of $57.45 was realized. One new member was admitted into the organization at the meeting.

C. Y. M. L. MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Lyceum of St. Patrick's church was held last night and it was unanimously voted that the lyceum would have a table in connection with the coming parish bazaar.

It was decided to appoint a committee of 100 to act in conjunction with the ladies of the table to complete plans and a meeting of said committee is called for next Tuesday night at C. Y. M. L. hall.

PROBATE COURT.

The following wills were presented for probate at Cambridge, February 23: Caroline Bullfinch, Cambridge; E. W. Kelley, Malden; A. C. Benner, Townsend; H. A. Morrill, Reading; C. H. French, Wayland; Michael Murphy, Ayer; Pollie Gallup, Everett; J. A. Smith, Concord; D. P. Richards, Cambridge; R. F. Kendrick, Newton; Margaret Dasy, Malden; Louisa Gookin, Somerville; S. O. Howe, Hudson; Eliza Ham, Everett; W. S. Dobson, Waltham; Nina Lovering, Newton; J. W. Haines, Cambridge; Anna Buxton, Newton; George Somes, Newton; J. F. Hutchinson, Lexington; Susan Metcalf, Newton; Addie Nelson, Arlington; Sarah Fayle, Malden; Edward Gately, Newton; Ellen Stevens, Stoneham.

Administrations: A. A. Upton, North Reading; Laura Woods, Cambridge; H. E. Bathrick; Sarah Clement, Arlington; L. F. Dutton, Winchester; Morris Levit, Cambridge; Peter Brown, Hudson; Bridget Reagan, Pepperell; J. P. Tirrell, Somerville; C. H. Ford, Lowell; Sarah McLain, Natick; Mary Perry, Somerville; Anna Starkey, Somerville; P. J. Sexton, Cambridge; P. H. Smith, Sudbury; Angelo Viano, Cambridge; G. F. Brooks, Cambridge; John Cookson, Medford; Jane Pendergrass, Wakefield; E. S. Richardson, Malden; Mary Keenan, Malden; C. C. Blanchard, Malden; Mary Friend, Somerville.

Kimonas at $1.50, at Oriental Bazaar.

SKULL FRACTURED

HUGHEY JENNINGS IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 26—Hughey Jennings, the crack first baseman and captain of the Baltimore baseball team, who has been coaching the Cornell university team here this season, met with a serious accident yesterday, which may end his career as a player.

After putting the university candidates through their usual stunts Jennings stripped and prepared for a plunge in the water tank. Through some neglect there was no water in the tank at the time. Jennings, being ignorant of this, plunged headlong into the tank, striking the bottom with a frightful crash.

Several attaches of the gymnasium, hearing his cries, quickly rushed to his rescue. Messengers were hurriedly sent for physicians, who quickly responded, and after a hasty examination it was found that Jennings had sustained a fracture of both wrists and probably a fractured skull. He was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition. His condition is reported as serious.

Sacrifice prices at Oriental Bazaar.

Forced To Do It!

That means we must close out the balance of our

Winter Furs, Jackets, Suits, Skirts, Capes, Children's Coats, and Waists

DOUBLE DARK BLUE TRADING STAMPS

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NOTE PRICES

CHILDREN'S COATS

1 Lot Now $1.90	Were $4.98 and $5.98
1 Lot Now $2.90	Were $6.98 and $7.98
1 Lot Now $3.90	Were $7.98 and $8.98
1 Lot Now $5.90	This is the highest price

SKIRTS

Walking and Dress Skirts. Some were $4.98, $5.98, $6.98, $7.98.

Choice $2.98 and $3.98

WAISTS

Some Were $1.98 and $2.98.

Choice 98c

A Complete Showing of the most handsome Spring Style Suits, Jackets, Skirts, and Waists ever shown in Lowell.

We welcome the Looker as well as the Buyer.

New York Cloak and Suit Co.

12 John Street

FRIDAY MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK

WILL BEGIN THE SECOND WEEK OF OUR

February Clearance Sale

of Furniture, Stoves, Ranges, etc., at greatly reduced prices for the last week. A call at our store or a look in our window and you will be our customer. We give double Stamps, all kinds, on all purchases.

W. F. DEVLIN

201 Gorham St., Opposite Union

Pictures and Mirrors at Auction

Friday, P. M., Feb. 26, at 3 o'clock, I will offer my entire stock of Fine Framed Pictures, French Beveled Mirrors and Florentine Statuary **At Auction** to the highest bidder without reserve. The goods are simply elegant, so consult your interest by attending the sale.

On Saturday Will Begin a Sale of 500 Picture Frames of All Kinds at 10c each

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.43	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.30	7.30	7.35	8.55
a8.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
e7.34	8.10	a10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.20	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.43	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
a1.56	2.33	e5.00	5.57
e3.05	4.20	5.38	6.25
e4.47	4.80	a5.47	6.04
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
a4.22	5.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
a6.23	7.05	10.30	11.34
a6.30	8.10	11.40	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
e8.38	7.20	9.00	10.00
a7.34	8.10	1.00	1.37
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.54
8.00	8.44	9.25	10.33
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.30	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.50	5.55
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.08
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.06	6.43	9.30	10.40
6.15	7.16	b11.15	12.15
7.00	8.06		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.37	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

a Via Redford.

e Express.

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LOCAL NEWS

Tickets—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

T. A. D. Sullivan, wholesale grocer.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott st.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stable. Tel. 439-4.

Fred C. Church held the insurance on Sulman Sirk's building on John street, damaged by fire yesterday afternoon.

A two-story house at 833 Central street is to be sold at auction on Saturday afternoon, on foreclosure of mortgage. This will probably sell low and offers a chance to get a home cheap.

M. Little & Co., Bridge, corner Third street, show Reliance Corsette house dresses and wrappers at 99c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 up to $2.29. The largest assortment of clean, up-to-date, genuine Reliance garments shown in Lowell. Only polite, painstaking and agreeable people in the department or about the store. Ladies from all sections of the city are cordially invited to pick their new spring wrappers from this vast stock.

GRAND DUKE AT CANNES.

CANNES, France, Feb. 26.—The grand duke George of Russia and his wife arrived here today. There were loud cheers for Russia as they passed through the streets on the way to their hotel.

MORNING FIRE

STILL ALARM FOR CHIMNEY FIRES.

A child with matches was the cause of the fire which summoned the fire department to a house in Lawrence street near the corner of Church street belonging to Arthur Vinal at 10.13 o'clock this morning. The damage was slight.

The building sits in the rear of another building, and while the woman who resides on the top floor went out she left her three-year-old child in a room on the floor below. The child procured some matches and set fire to some pieces of cloth which were on a sewing machine. In a short time there was a merry blaze in progress, but it was discovered by one of the occupants of the house before it had gone far and an alarm of fire was sent in from box 35. When the department arrived it was only a case of a few minutes before the fire was placed under control, a stream from the chemical doing the business.

THREE CHIMNEY FIRES.

Three still alarms for chimney fires kept the department on the jump for several hours last night.

At 6.33 o'clock hose nine was summoned to a house on Emery street near the city farm where a chimney was afire.

At eight o'clock hose nine was again called out, this time for a chimney fire in Quebec street.

At nine o'clock the members of engine two were called to a chimney fire in the Barney block in School street, near Middlesex street.

OVERSEERS MET

Married Man in Pauper Office

ACTION IS DEFERRED ONE MONTH

When New Eligible List Will be Out

The overseers of the poor held their regular monthly meeting at the City hospital yesterday and while little business was transacted, the matter of filling the place left vacant by the death of the late James Walsh was informally talked over but without action being taken and the discussion did not take place during the meeting.

There are several candidates in the field and few of them are on the civil service list. The position commands $450 after the clerk has learned the routine of the office, but he will not receive that amount at the start.

The board has not yet asked for an eligible list and in all probability will await the result of the examination which is to take place next week. The three men at the head of the list at the present time are Stanley W. Qua, a law student; Everett Gray, son of Alanson Gray, the provision merchant, and John F. Robinson, foreman for W. H. Wiggin. Mr. Qua is studying law, Mr. Robinson is reported to have said that he would not take the position. But Mr. Alonson Gray was present in the interest of his son. At the present time John F. Courtney is temporarily filling the office. Mr. Courtney has worked for Mr. Walsh periodically for several years and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office, but as yet he has not taken the examination. The chairman of the board expressed himself as in favor of a married man holding the position. The matter will rest for a month and by that time there will be a new list.

Six members answered the roll call at 4.40 o'clock and Mr. Eastman came in later. Messrs. Dunn and Duff were the absentees.

The records of the previous regular meeting and those of the special meeting, at which two new horses were created in the corps of ambulance drivers, were read by Secretary Courney, and on motion of Overseer McCoy were accepted.

Dr. Donlan's monthly report showed a total of inmates now under his care to be 406; it showed also that during the past month 305 tramps were recorded the hospitality of the wood yard.

Overseer McDermott submitted a partial report for the committee on outdoor relief, of which he is chairman. He stated that the committee had been waiting to see what action the appropriations committee would take on the recommendation of the committee for an appropriation of $900 to transfer the wood yard to the ambulance yard and to establish a store there also. He mentioned incidentally that the appropriation had been recommended by the committee but the whole matter had been held up in the common council by Councilman Harry, and that the committee would now have to wait until the matter adjusted itself before they could go ahead with the arrangements.

Secretary Courtney called attention of the board to the recent death of James Walsh, the late clerk of his department, whom, he said, had been connected with the department more than twenty years continuously. He has been an efficient, conscientious and faithful servant and I think the board ought to take some official recognition of his death," said Mr. Courtney.

It was voted then that a committee of three be appointed to draw up a suitable set of resolutions and report at the next meeting. The chair appointed Messrs. McCoy, McDermott and Robert on that committee.

Adjourned 5.55.

LAWRENCE WOMAN

FOUND NOT GUILTY OF KEEPING DISORDERLY HOUSE.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Lillian Hutchins, a respectable-looking woman who came to Boston some months ago from Lawrence, has had an unpleasant experience with the police, but which ended happily in the second session of the municipal criminal court yesterday afternoon before Judge Parmenter.

Miss Hutchins was arrested several days ago by the police of division 5, on charge of maintaining a disorderly house at 463 Tremont street, and her trial was held yesterday afternoon. It resulted in her complete exoneration and she was discharged as soon as the testimony was in and her lawyer had made his argument.

The testimony showed that Miss Hutchins, who is a dressmaker, moved to Boston some months ago and rented a flat at 463 Tremont street, without knowing anything of the people who were her neighbors. The number of her suite was 3, and there was evidence that some time after she moved in there with her sister, a woman who formerly had massage parlors in suite 1 of the same house, suggested to Miss Hutchins that it was foolish for both of them to pay full rent for a suite when by moving in together they could get rent for half price, and all hands have plenty of room.

An advertisement was produced at the trial which showed that immediately after this arrangement was made the woman who had spoken to Miss Hutchins announced in an afternoon paper that she would like to have her friends know she had moved into suite 2, and to have them call on her. The police were quick to see this announcement, and patrolmen in citizens' dress were sent to see the place. There was testimony from these scouts that they had seen and talked with the woman, but none of them could say that anything in the nature of improper suggestions had arisen in the brief talks they had with Miss Hutchins. After she had been in joint possession of the suite three days, the police arrested Miss Hutchins. The other woman, the police say, ran away. The only evidence the police could bring against Miss Hutchins connecting her with the massage parlor business was that she had agreed to pay half the rent. There was abundant evidence on her side, however, that she knew nothing of the character of the other woman, and, in fact, that she didn't know anything about massage parlors or the name which they bear among the police and public generally.

PEOPLE'S CLUB

REV. MR. KENNGOTT DELIVERS HIS LECTURE.

At the People's club, last evening, Rev. George F. Kenngott entertained a large and appreciative audience with his now celebrated lecture upon the Yellowstone Park, the wonderland of America. The lecture was superbly illustrated with stereopticon views, the machine being manipulated by Walter Perham of Chelmsford. Mr. Kenngott began with a few pictures of the journey to the park, including scenes at the Denver Christian Endeavor convention. Then he showed Billings, Mont., with its Indian characters, and in rapid succession displayed some of the most picturesque features of the reservation itself. These included canyons, terraces, cliffs, geysers in action, springs, lakes, grottoes, cascades, rapids, falls, trees, and all the variegated scenery making up the country where creation appears still to be going on. The talk was interspersed with entertaining anecdotes and was of a nature to hold, as it did, the unwavering interest of Mr. Kenngott's auditors. Many of the views were handsomely colored, and there were several snapshots taken by the party of which the lecturer was a member.

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Are attractive and nobby. If you wish to see the correct colorings in Spring Shirts, drop in, and we can satisfy you for..... $1.00

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We have a few exceptional values in Winter Underwear to offer you.

Special Bargains This Week
AT THE
Big Fire, Smoke and Water Sale

OAK CHIFFONIERS	$3.98
OAK DRESSERS	$6.50
DINING TABLES	$3.50
PARLOR TABLES	$1.98
HALL STANDS	$4.50
IRON BEDS, Spring and Mattress, all sizes, complete	$6.50
$1.50 PICTURES	65c
$2.00 RUGS	98c

Our entire stock of Household Furniture, Stoves, Carpets, etc., which was slightly damaged by smoke and water only, is being closed out at less than half of its cost. We must make room for fresh stock now lying at the freight depots.

BORNSTEIN & QUINN
118-120 Gorham St. (Old 66)

NOTICE

Any person, resident of the town of Chelmsford, wishing their name on the Official Ballot for any Town Office, to be voted on at the annual Town meeting, must send their name to the committee on or before Feb. 29, 1904.

E. T. Adams, F. E. Bickford, J. A. Mallalieu, D. P. Byam, A. H. Sherman.

JAMES E. O'DONNELL
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6 HILDRETH BUILDING, LOWELL
Notary Public. Telephone.

THE LATEST NEWS

Don't miss this opportunity. It is a chance of a life time. We are having a clearance sale of all Japanese and eastern art work. We give you from 25 to 35 per cent. discount on all goods. We need the room for our spring goods. Now is your chance to come in and examine our prices. They will surprise you. The only sale of its kind ever offered in Lowell. The Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack street.

Tickets

To and from England, Ireland and Scotland on the Cunard, White Star and Dominion Lines at lowest rates.

J. F. O'DONNELL'S
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318-324 MARKET STREET

The Williamsburg City Fire Insurance Co.

Had $161,000 insurance involved in the great Baltimore fire. Their assets Jan. 1, 1904, were $2,453,913.36 and net surplus above capital and all liabilities $1,230,517.57. Why not insure in this sterling company. Represented in Lowell by

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158 MIDDLESEX STREET

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J. J. O'CONNELL & CO.
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Adams' Bargains for Saturday

10c a Yard

About 200 yards in short lengths from 4 to 12 yards in the piece.

3 STAMPS FOR 1

On Every Yard Sold From This Lot.

Adams & Co.

FURNITURE - RUGS - CARPETS
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Flowers of Sulphur 6c Lb.
Roll Brimstone 5c Lb.
Cream of Tartar 35c Lb.
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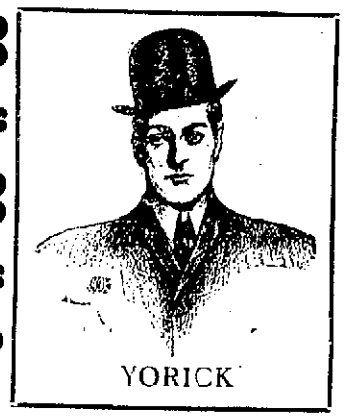

YORICK

The Yorick Hat For Spring

$3.00

Which will it be, flat brim or rolled brim? We have both; but to be exclusive and follow the hat man's advice—buy a flat brim—that's how the Yorick is made. Take the hat man's advice and the quality of the Yorick, and if you find any one with a $5 hat that is better than the Yorick—you're back here. Anything fairer?

The Merrimack Derby

$2.00

The Merrimack Derby is our pet—we're proud of the friends it's made, and we're most particular about its style, its proportions and its quality. The young man, or the man of mature years gets exactly what becomes his height, his figure and his head--and as to quality, if the Merrimack Derby isn't the equal of any standard $3 hat--we'll miss our guess. There's so much to be said of the Merrimack Derby, we can only mention a few, viz: -- the full, round crown, with 1-4 D'Orsey curl brim, flat set--eight proportions to select from.

The Young Man's Hat

$3.00

It doesn't follow that other styles are not as desirable for young men as this particular hat; but, did you ever stop to reason, what a lot of difference a little more taper in the crown, a little more roll to the brim make? Evidently our hat man is after each individual age, with a proposition of crown and roll of brim that'll be becoming.

Golf and Tourist Hats

The Golf Shape is the young man's favorite, in black, pearl and nutrias. But there are dozens of different shapes and shades to suit the wants and tastes of all. When college and golf endorse the Soft Hat, it looks like the winner. We've got a big assortment to select from.

The Standard Makes

Lamson and Hubbard and Guyer

$3.00

Here's the opportunity to get the hat with the roll brim -- roll enough to suit anyone, and the name of the makers is a guarantee of value.

Come in and see us, you ought not to miss this Spring Hat Show at the Merrimack.

Merrimack Clothing Co. ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight. It will be warmer tonight. Saturday will be cloudy, probably with snow and warmer. There will be light variable winds.

THE LOWELL SUN

CANNOT DO IT.
No man or newspaper can serve two masters. A paper that is controlled by stockholders, banks, syndicates or other corporate interests must stand by those interests first and the people last. The Sun being owned by one man is free to stand by the people against their enemies at all times. It is the people's paper.

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SIX O'CLOCK

FIFTEEN MEN DEAD

Scaffold in Chicago Post Office Collapsed

CHICAGO, FEB. 26.—A TRIPLE FLOOR SCAFFOLD IN THE DOME OF THE NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING SUDDENLY COLLAPSED THIS AFTERNOON, CARRYING 15 MEN INTO THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING, KILLING THEM ALL. SCORES OF POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN WERE QUICKLY SUMMONED TO CLEAR AWAY THE DEBRIS AND PERMIT THE RECOVERY OF THE BODIES.

The helpless victims fell 250 feet. The men on the scaffold were finishing up the decorations on the interior of the dome.

There is a space beneath extending to the first floor and it was down this hole through all the floors that tons of splintered wood surrounding the men fell with a crash. The men were literally buried and after the sound of the fall died away, no cries or moans of pain were heard.

Timekeeper Walter Anderson, who was on the second floor of the scaffold, had a hair-breadth escape. He said:

"I was helping a little with the work when I heard a sound like the tearing or rending of wood.

"The thought struck me that the scaffold would collapse and I jumped from the platform to a window on the side of the dome. I had scarcely jumped from the wooden scaffold when the thing suddenly collapsed and carried all of the men into the first floor. It was sickening to realize what little chance the men had for their lives."

The platform was constructed largely of two by four timbers, in some [illegible] nailed together. The platforms [illegible] constructed under the charge of the Lenox Haldeman company, subcontractors for John Peirce company, who have charge of the interior decorations.

SERIOUS FIRE

POST OFFICE AND OTHER BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 25—A serious fire is raging at Nicholson, a town of about 1500 inhabitants on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, about 20 miles west of this city. The post office and several other buildings have been destroyed. The flames are spreading and the Scranton fire department has been asked for assistance.

ARBITRATION TREATY

BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN SIGNED.

PARIS, Feb. 26—The foreign office announced this afternoon that a treaty of arbitration between France and Spain had been signed today. The terms are identical with the recent arbitration treaties concluded between France and Great Britain and Italy and Great Britain.

JURORS DRAWN.

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen this afternoon the following jurors were drawn:

Grand juror, Frederick J. Bailey, druggist.

Traverse jurors for the March term of the superior court: Maurice S. Blodgett, machinist, 19 Grove street; Martin V. B. Libby, blacksmith; James W. Gregg, 224 First street, secretary; James F. Morrison, barber, Auburn street.

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PRINCE HENRY

DIED AS RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT.

KIEL, Germany, Feb. 26.—Prince Henry, the youngest son of Prince Henry of Prussia, died today. He was four years old and had been ill for sometime.

Several weeks ago the children of Prince Henry were playing "railroad" in the nursery. They had arranged a line of chairs to represent a bridge and little Prince Henry jumped upon one of them. The chair fell over and the price's head was brought in violent contact with the sharp edge of a piece of furniture.

The first diagnosis of the case was concussion of the brain.

BOUNDARY PILLARS

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY RUSSIAN AGENCY.

PESHAWAR, Brit. India, Feb. 26—It is reported that the Ameers boundary pillars on the Afghan-Turkistan border have been destroyed by Russian agency.

MACGINNESS CASE

JUSTICE GILDERSLEEVE HAS VACATED THE INJUNCTION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Justice Gildersleeve in the supreme court today denied the application of John MacGinness to have continued the ex parte injunction he recently obtained, enjoining the Boston and Montana Copper Mining Co., and the Parrott and Anaconda companies from paying money for dividends to the Amalgamated Copper company and at the same time he vacated the injunction.

In vacating the injunction Justice Gildersleeve said:

"There is no allegation of the insolvency of any of the defendant companies and it is clear that they are all able to respond to any judgment that might be recovered against them."

PITIFUL SCENE

WOMAN TRYING TO GET DRUNKEN HUSBAND HOME.

A pitiful scene was enacted in Middle street shortly before three o'clock this afternoon when a neatly dressed but unfortunate woman was trying to get her intoxicated husband to accompany her home. Loud words between the two attracted the attention of a number of passersby when the couple passed by the central fire station which later broke into an argument, the man cursing his wife and refusing to accompany her home. He also threatened to strike her if she insisted on following him.

Breaking into tears the woman obeyed his command to go home, but as he staggered through the streets she followed him at a distance and between sobs entreated him to go home with her before he was arrested. The man sneaked into what was formerly a liquor saloon while his wife waited on the outside for him, but after fifteen minutes she walked away crying bitterly.

WILL OWN PROVIDENCE CLUB.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 26.—President Powers and Messrs. Stallings and Hanlon of the circuit committee of the Eastern league left town at two o'clock this afternoon, after a meeting at which it was decided that Col. Felix Wendelschaefer would be principal owner in the league club to be located here during the coming season. Negotiations for a more central site for the league grounds are in progress, but as the deal cannot be consummated for a few days, President Powers and his colleagues decided to go elsewhere meanwhile, to return here some time next week. No selection of a manager for the club was definitely decided upon.

SPOTTERS HERE

Report Had It That the State Police

EMPLOYED THEM TO COLLECT EVIDENCE

Against No-License Law Breakers

A report that has jarred the men who are pushing the contraband in back kitchens and in former saloons started a few days ago and so increased in volume yesterday that it sped from corner to corner and envoys were sent out to fathom the meaning of it.

The substance of the report was that the state police have had spotters in Lowell for the last four or five days; that these spotters have been buying whiskey and beer at various places in Lowell; that they bought a pint here and a half pint there and that yesterday they decided they had all the evidence they wanted and that they had made application to Judge Hadley for 25 warrants.

The report put on its boots when it started so that it wouldn't have to stop for water or anything else and while some of the fellows who are dealing in the forbidden liquids said "If they've got us they've got us and that's all there's to it," there were those who were shaking in their boots and some of them were unkind enough to believe that the Lowell police had a finger in the pie.

Superintendent Moffatt when asked relative to the report, said: "I know there was a report going the rounds relative to the presence of spotters in Lowell, but I do not know anything about it. If there are spotters in Lowell they have not visited me."

The Sun reporter called on Judge Hadley and asked him if there was any truth in the statement that the state police had made application for 25 warrants.

"I have not received any applications for warrants from the state police," said his honor. "State Inspector Whitney called at my office yesterday and we had quite a long chat but he did not say anything about warrants. I think if the state police were so engaged I would know it."

When asked if he thought it were possible that the Law and Order league might have employed spotters to gather evidence against the illegal vendors in Lowell, Judge Hadley said: "It might be so, but I have not received any applications for warrants."

RUNNING ON TIME

CAR TRACKS HAVE BEEN CLEARED.

"Everything is on time today and the cars have not been running better for months," was the answer that one of the officials of the Boston & Northern railroad gave a Sun reporter when the latter asked the condition of the cars.

Yesterday a number of the lines were tied up owing to the ice on the track and the snow which drifted onto the rails. The Lawrence line was tied up for good all day and the suburban lines were all late, but the gangs that the railroad had at work did good work during yesterday and last night and today every car is running on time.

Even the Pelham line is in good order.

TOOK BED CLOTHING.

A down-town hotel man and the police are looking for a tall man with a big fur cap. He is wanted for larceny. He hired a room at the hotel last night and when he left the hostelry this morning he took the sheets, quilts and pillow-cases with him. He is a stranger in Lowell.

KICKED ABOUT PICTURE.

A man, whose name the police did not get, called at the police station today and registered a kick about a picture that is being displayed in a store window in Dutton street. He said that the principals of the picture were a pickaninny and a goose and he declared that the picture was immoral.

ASSAULT CASE

Coal Dealer Assaulted by Teamster

COAL MAN PUT HIS ASSAILANT DOWN

But Decided Not to Hurt Him

Merrimack square was not the only place in Lowell where a battle with bare knuckles raged today. Herbert E. Evans, a teamster for John P. Quinn, the Gorham street wood and coal dealer, was arrested this afternoon by Inspector Walsh and Patrolman Cornelius Howard for alleged assault and battery on Mr. Quinn. Half an hour after Evans was arrested Mr. Quinn called at the police station and swore out a warrant for Evans' arrest, alleging assault and battery.

Mr. Quinn's face was badly cut and bruised and Evans was also marked about the face. He said he acted in self defence. Mr. Quinn said he thought Evans had something in his hand when he struck the blows, but Evans said he used his bare knuckles.

Mr. Quinn told the following story to Deputy Welch: "Evans called at my office after the noon hour and told me that his horse had been taken from the stable. He said that he understood that I wanted to get through with him. I said to him that his horse had not been taken from the stable, but he insisted that the horse was gone. He said I had hired somebody to take his place.

"I asked him how many trips he had made this afternoon and he said that he had made but one trip. In reply to that I told him that I could hire a boy who would do better than that.

"He asked me to go to the stable and see for myself if the horse had not been taken out. I went to the stable and found that the horse was there. Before I said anything to Evans in the stable he demanded his pay and I told him to come to the office and I would give it to him.

"'I want it right here,' he said, and drawing his hand from his pocket he struck me two blows. I was dazed for an instant but I soon managed to take care of him. I put him down and had him at my mercy, but decided it would be wise for me not to hurt him."

"He struck me a treacherous blow and the temptation to take the law into my own hands and give him a good thrashing, was strong. I decided that it would be best for me to allow the law to take its course."

Evans was standing but a few feet away from Mr. Quinn while the latter told his story to Deputy Welch. The deputy asked Evans what he meant by saying that the horse was out of the barn. "You are drunk now," said the deputy.

"I am not," said Evans.

"I can see it in your eyes," continued the deputy.

"What do you mean by saying that the horse was out of the stable?" asked the deputy.

"He was out of his own stall," said Evans.

"Was he out of the stable?" asked the deputy, and Evans admitted that the horse was in the stable.

He said that when he asked Mr. Quinn to pay him the latter struck him and that he struck back. Deputy Welch was not the only officer in the police station to say that Evans had been drinking.

Those who know Mr. Quinn realize that he is always ready to pay his men and that any assault made on this pretext was wholly unprovoked. The sequel will come out in police court.

BATES' PLAN DEFEATED.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The recommendation of Gov. Bates for increasing the revenue of the state by a division of funds received in cities and towns from liquor licenses so that the state would receive fifty instead of twenty-five per cent was rejected in the house today by a vote of 133 to 23. The debate on the question, which continued for two days became very spirited just before the vote was taken this afternoon. A point of order raised for the purpose of postponing action on the bill until other recommendations of the governor were reported by the committees was overruled by the chair and in an appeal to the house the chair was sustained.

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JAPAN REPULSED

In Effort to Close Entrance to Port Arthur

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The Rus this morning publishes the following from Port Arthur under date of Feb. 25:

"On the night of Feb. 24 the Japanese attempted to blockade the exit from Port Arthur bay in order to enclose our fleet concentrated within. Under convoy of torpedo boats and transports the enemy advanced four freighters in ballast at full speed to the gateway where it was intended to sink the latter vessels; but the manoeuvre was immediately observed on the battleship Retvizan which was standing in the bay before the entrance. The Retvizan at once opened fire and, after it, the batteries on the peak and those on the promontory took part. As a result, the ships with which it was designed to blockade the port were destroyed and their mission rendered unsuccessful. According to a wholly unsupported report, one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk.

"The cannonade began before three o'clock in the morning and continued until 7 o'clock. From 5 a. m., however, there were merely single discharges. The Japanese fleet at long distance answered our fire ineffectively. This evidently was done merely to cover the retreat of their torpedo flotilla.

"The enemy's squadron, consisting of ten large vessels and 17 torpedo boat destroyers which appeared yesterday about 9 o'clock in the morning, manoeuvred in sight of Port Arthur until noon and then began to withdraw and disappeared from the horizon in the morning. The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan put to sea and after an inconsiderable cross fire, returned unharmed.

JAPANESE ACCOUNT OF THE ATTACK

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation today gave out the following official despatch from Tokio, dated February 26:

"Early in the morning of February 24 four old vessels, escorted by some torpedo boats were run into the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor. The object of sinking these vessels was attained and the officers and crews returned safely. Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained as to its safety."

JAPANESE SHIPS UNDERGOING REPAIRS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The Birshewja Viedomosti says a telegram has been received from Baron Guisdurg, who has a contract for supplying coal to the Russian navy (but whose present address is not stated) asserting that 12 armored Japanese ships are now in dock undergoing repairs for their battles with the Russians.

MOVEMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON

SUEZ, Egypt, Feb. 26.—The Russian squadron from Jibuti is reported to be anchored in the gulf of Suez, 25 miles south of Suez. A torpedo boat destroyer which had already entered the canal bound north, has sailed south again to rejoin the squadron.

JAPAN'S STRUGGLE A GIGANTIC ONE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 26.—Baron Suyematsu, of Japan, who has arrived here en route to London on an important government mission, said, in discussing the war:

"It is for us a gigantic struggle and one which we tried to avoid. But Japan will send her last man and spend her last dollar in order to win.

"We have no aspirations for aggrandizement but at the same time we must look to maintain our existence as a nation."

CZAR'S MANIFESTO TO THE ARMY

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—A stirring manifesto to the army was issued by the czar today in the form of a message to Gen. Kuropatin, the commander-in-chief of the Russian army in the far east as follows:

"Although as head of the military administration since 1898 you have worked with energy and assiduity to re-organize and perfect the army your work is not yet done. The hour has come when I must summon you to head my valiant army, to defend the honor and dignity of Russia and her sovereign rights in the far east. Knowing your brilliant gifts and the imminent preparations for battle, I am glad to entrust to you the responsible command of my Manchurian army against the Japanese on your leaving your work as minister. May God help you in your difficult task, which you with such self-denial have assumed. In taking leave of you and thanking you for your six years' work for the good of my dear army, I confer on you the order of St. Alexander-Nevski in brilliants. Wishing success to you and trusting to you to transmit to my brave army my imperial greeting and my blessing, may God keep you unharmed.

"(Signed) NICHOLAS."

STEAMER BOARDED BY THE RUSSIANS

ADEN, Arabia, February 26.—A Russian torpedo destroyer stopped and boarded the British India line steamer Mombassa in the Red Sea Feb. 22. The destroyer fired a gun which the Mombassa disregarded, but a second shot caused the liner to stop. A Russian officer boarded the Mombassa and examined her papers, after which she was allowed to proceed.

AWAITING NEWS OF LAST ATTACK

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—1.30 p. m. The government is still awaiting details of the second night attack on Port Arthur, of Feb. 25. A long telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar arrived during the night but it dealt exclusively with the disposition of the Russian forces in Manchuria and of course, for strategic reasons, will not be published.

FRANCE DENIES A LONDON REPORT

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The French foreign office categorically denies the report published in a London paper that Korea having become the ally of Japan under the new Japanese-Korean treaty, France is thereby required to become the active ally of Russia. The officials say the situation does not warrant such a conclusion and add that the new treaty does not make the slightest change in the position of France.

RUSSIAN PAPER BLAMES THE JEWS

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—Novoe Vremya this morning publishes a long leading article regarding the relations existing between the United States and Russia. In considering the unfriendly manifestations against the latter in the United States, the Novoe Vremya argues, distinction must be made between the people and the government and it attributes the agitation in the press to a campaign engineered by the Jews, who, it has been said, insists, however, that the traditional friendship for Russia occupies a firm position in the American mind and heart and that the people cannot really prefer the Japanese to the Russians who never have harmed them. The Novoe Vremya, on the other hand, contends that without reason the Washington government has been unfriendly to Russia and compares the most brilliant feat of the state department—the telegraphic ratification of the Chinese open port treaty—to telegraphic marriages, which, it says, sometimes are practiced in America.

But it is idle, the article goes on, to talk now of sending United States consuls to Manchuria. Unsatisfied with his success, Secretary of State Hay undertook to secure the neutralization, the inviolability of the administration and the entity of China. Diplomatists, lexicographers, and publicists being in doubt as to what all this meant. Secretary Hay kindly announced that he did not care to have his proposal defined in detail. The article concludes:

"The American government has taken a position which ill-accords with the former good relations with Russia and we are convinced that the conduct of the United States gunboat Vicksburg in refusing to protect and receive drowning Russians will not meet with wide sympathy in America."

RUSSIAN SAILORS WERE OFFERED AID

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The navy department today received a cablegram from Commander Marshall of the Vicksburg, saying that he was among the first to offer assistance to the Russian sailors aboard the Variag and Korietz. The cablegram is badly garbled and the officials have not been able to fully translate it.

GENERAL ENGAGEMENT AT PORT ARTHUR

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26—6 p. m.—A long official telegram giving details of the attack on Port Arthur Feb. 25 was received this afternoon and is now in the hands of the military censorship committee. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the attack developed into a general engagement between the Japanese squadron and the Russian squadron and forts, which continued for three hours and resulted in the repulse of the Japanese.

WILL ACCEPT

FORBES WILL GO TO THE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Gov. Wright has cabled from Manila that the Philippine commission will be able to arrange its business so as to permit Cameron Forbes to delay his coming to the island for three or four months. As this extension will enable Mr. Forbes to wind up his business interests here, he will accept the appointment of Philippine commissioner. His appointment already has been confirmed by the senate.

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CALIFORNIA EVAPORATED APRICOTS..... 15c lb.
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BOTH MEN DEAD

Merchant Killed Lawyer and Committed Suicide

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Henry L. Schwartz of the law firm of Baker and Schwartz, was shot and fatally wounded in his office on the third floor of the Marine bank building today by H. A. Knowles, a well-known business man of Buffalo, who, ten minutes later shot himself dead in the presence of Chief of Detectives Taylor and Detective Sergt. O'Connor. Schwartz died soon afterwards in the hospital.

The shooting is said to have been the culmination of business troubles. Mr. Schwartz was the attorney for the firm of Knowles and Gardner which failed sometime ago and of which Knowles was a member. A few minutes before Mr. Schwartz and his partner, Mr. Baker, and Attorney Roland Crangle were in conference in Mr. Schwartz's private office. As Mr. Crangle and Mr. Baker stepped from the room into the main office Knowles entered.

Almost instantly two shots rang out. Those in the outer office turned in time to see Mr. Schwartz fall. Knowles started from the private office with the revolver still smoking in his hand. Mr. Crangle, Mr. Baker, a stenographer and a clerk left the office and notified the police.

Chief of Detectives Taylor and Detective Sergt. O'Connor were the first to arrive. They opened the door to the office and faced Knowles with the revolver in his hand.

"Drop your gun," said Capt. Taylor, who had his weapon in his hand. Knowles backed away into Mr. Baker's private office, still pointing the revolver at the officers.

Ase he reached the door and stepped inside, quick as a flash he turned the weapon to his own head and fired. He dropped and died almost instantly. Lawyer Schwartz was well known and prominently connected.

FRAUD CHARGED

SALEM WIDOW IS THE COMPLAINANT.

SALEM, Feb. 26.—Harry W. Hildreth and Charles S. Miller, both of Boston, were on trial in the first district court yesterday, charged with larceny from ex-Alderman Frank E. Newell and from Mrs. Emma S. Almy, widow of James F. Almy. Justice Richardson presided. Hildreth was represented by Henry P. Moulton and Robert Cushman, and Miller by George R. Swasey and William H. Buffum. Charles W. Bartlett appeared for the government.

The complaints allege that through fraud the complainants were prompted to purchase stock of the U. S. steel company of Everett: Mr. Newell to the amount of $4500, Oct. 29, 1900, and Mrs. Almy to the amount of $2700, Nov. 5, 1900.

Mr. Bartlett, in opening the case for the government, claimed that Hildreth, presuming on friendship, induced Mr. Newell and Mrs. Almy to invest in stock. Nine witnesses were sworn for the government. Mrs. Almy was first called and occupied the stand nearly all day. She testified that Hildreth had worked for her husband for about five years. Later she understood he was in the brokerage business in Boston. After her husband's death, Hildreth called on her and by representing the stock of the U. S. Steel company of Everett to be of exceptional value, induced her to buy 200 shares.

Later Hildreth borrowed some money from her to buy stock of the company on his own account. To substantiate his stories about the value of the stock he brought Miller to see her, and letters and telegrams alleging large sales and profits were shown her by both. As a result she gave him a check for $2700.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Almy was under cross-examination. She was remarkably composed and answered all questions readily. At 4 p.m. court adjourned, the case being continued until March 4.

CAR FAMINE

HAS REACHED AN ACUTE STAGE IN PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26—The car famine has reached an acute stage in the Pittsburg district and coal and coke shipments are seriously affected. The majority of the mines can operate but a small percentage of their total capacity and added to this is the fact that the river lines have for the greater portion of the present winter been tied up by weather conditions. The railroad companies in response to complaints make the statement that the present winter has, without exception, been the most severe in traffic in 70 years. It is shown that it has been a frequent experience during the past two months for as many as seven big locomotives to be put suddenly out of service while standing on sidings waiting for trains to pass, because of the freezing of water pipes.

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TO TRAVEL FROM BOSTON TO PUEBLO.

ANDOVER, Feb. 26.—A copy of the Star Journal of Pueblo, Colo., received here yesterday, contains an account of the journeylings of one George Cheever, who, it is believed, is the 19-year-old youth who disappeared from his home here about a year ago.

The article reads:

"From Boston to Pueblo in five weeks at the cost of $8000 is the rather startling record of George Cheever, son of a wealthy Boston banker. The young man arrived this morning, Feb. 18, in his father's private car, Nomo, and when he stepped from the car he did not have the necessary 5-cent piece with which to pay his carfare to the First national bank, where he said money from home was awaiting him. He said he left home five weeks ago, visiting some of the principal cities between Boston and Omaha. Two friends accompanied him as far as Omaha, but there he left them, and his car came directly to Colorado Springs. He went out to see the city last night, played billiards awhile, bowled a little and purchased some cigars, and when he returned to the car he found that he had been "touched" for $100. He had intended to spend a few days at the Springs, but when he discovered his $100 loss he had remaining but $1 40, so he made for Pueblo to get the money which he said his father had promised to place to his credit here. He said that his trip thus far had cost him $8000, but that he had 'had an awfully good time,' and will continue his trip to the Pacific coast from here.

"He is a young man of pleasing address, who smokes Piccadilly cigarettes, has an unmistakable English cut to his clothes and an acquaintance with Heidelberg and Oxford."

BRITISH OFFICERS

WILL ACCOMPANY THE JAPANESE ARMY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Lieut. Gen. Sir William Nicholson, director general of military intelligence of the British war office, and Lieut. Col. J. A. A. L. Haldane, who are the British army representatives to accompany the Japanese army in the field, arrived on the Majestic today. They will proceed at once across the continent to take ship for Japan.

After the vessel was docked it was discovered that water leaking in the fore hold had damaged the personal baggage of passengers to a considerable extent.

GOOD ICE HARVEST.

GARDINER, Me., Feb. 26.—The ice cutting season of 1904 has closed, and the crop harvested along the Kennebec river and in Maine generally has been one of the smallest for many years. For the entire state about 485,000 tons were harvested this winter. Of this, 325,000 tons has been cut by the American Ice Co., upon the Kennebec river. Last winter's crop was about 700,000 tons for Maine, of which 550,000 was cut upon the Kennebec. The ice is of exceptionally fine quality. The cost of harvesting it has been greater than before because of many snowstorms and extreme cold weather, which prevented the men from working to the best advantage. The small cut on the Kennebec has been due to the large cut on the Hudson and other rivers, where the conditions were more favorable.

THEATRE MANAGERS ORGANIZE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—Nearly 20 managers of Chicago theatres have decided at a secret meeting to form a social and business organization similar to the one recently organized in New York.

Only About 1000 Bundles Left

We expect that these will go off in short order tomorrow and in order to close them all out we have placed in a large number of the bundles special red tickets. There are hundreds of people who have been lucky enough to get one of these red tickets, as they are sure to get at least an article worth five times the price, as well as getting the extra grand present. Remember that Saturday may finish this grand GIVE-AWAY BUNDLE SALE

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GOVERNOR'S PLAN

Not Favored by the Legislators

The Massachusetts house of representatives became involved yesterday afternoon in the most spirited debate that has taken place in the legislature this year. The bill providing that 50 per cent. of the revenues from liquor licenses, instead of but 25 per cent., shall be turned into the state treasury, was before the house on the question of substituting it for the adverse report of the committee on liquor law. The measure was drawn in accordance with a recommendation made by Gov. Bates in his inaugural address, and the discussion was therefore bound to turn on the question as to whether the governor should be sustained.

Under the circumstances the debate took on at times an acrimonious tone and Representative Newton of Everett, in support of the governor, tried his hand at cracking the party whip, but with poor success. Most of the attacks made on the measure came from republicans, the democrats being content, with one or two exceptions, to sit still and enjoy the predicament of the majority party.

Mr. Newton of Everett, rep., urged that the matter be put over until all three of the governor's recommendations as to increasing the state's revenue could be considered together.

Mr. Hayes of Lowell, rep., said the advocates of this measure had not asked any delay in voting on the governor's woman suffrage recommendation. He said this bill was the first step to saddle the debts of the metropolitan district upon the whole state. The motion to table was further favored by Mr. Luce of Somerville and opposed by Mr. Selterlich of Boston. By a rising vote, 70 to 117, the motion was lost.

Mr. Woods of Boston, dem., then urged immediate action on the report, that the city officials might know where they stood.

Mr. Clark of Boston favored the rejection of the bill and then Mr. Bennett of Saugus, rep., moved to postpone further consideration to Thursday.

Mr. Grady of Boston, dem., opposed the motion to postpone; then Mr. Newton declared that the opponents of the bill want it killed at once in order that the newspapers may state in the morning that the republican members have again "turned down" the governor. Mr. Stevens of Somerville, rep., favored postponement.

Mr. Hayes of Lowell said this was not a question of standing by the governor. The ways and means committee, he asserted, wants this proposition settled now in order that the status of the other matters before it may be settled. Mr. Davis of Salem, dem., said this was not a party measure and should not be voted upon as such.

Mr. Bennett of Saugus asked that the vote on postponement be by a call of the roll. This resulted in 68 yeas to 125 nays, the motion for postponement being lost.

HE RETURNS ALL

$300,000 FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25—"I return to Chicago all that I have derived from Chicago, and in doing so am glad to be able to recognize the obligation that rests upon all good citizens voluntarily to contribute, according to their means, toward the moral education of the people which is most needed and is provided for through our taxation and public schools."

In this language the will of Thomas D. Lowther, as filed for probate, distributes an estate of $300,000 among Chicago institutions and individuals.

Mr. Lowther, whose fortune was made in the real estate business, died as a bachelor and had few immediate relatives.

COTTON MARKET

PRICES HIGHER AND SENSATIONALLY STRONG.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—There was great activity at the opening of the cotton market today. Cables which had been expected to report a decline were higher and sensationally strong. There was heavy buying here from the start and the market after opening 20 to 40 points higher showed increasing strength, though the upward tendency was frequently interrupted by unimportant set-backs as a result of profit-taking by buyers on yesterday's late break. Large Philadelphian spot interests were said to be heavy buyers of July and May. March opened at 13.80 and sold up to 14 cents; May opened at 14.18 and advanced to 14.30; and July sold from 14.26 to 14.33, these changes respectively representing net gains of 43 @ 44 points.

BURGLAR CAPTURED

WAS IDENTIFIED AS A FORMER CONVICT.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 26.—A burglar captured in the drug store of Charles E. Wheeler in the business district early today after the entrance to the store had been guarded by police, has been identified as Edward Lydon, a native of this city, who was liberated recently from the state prison, where he had served a six years' sentence as a common thief. He made no resistance when taken, but it was believed he was armed, as several cartridges of 32 calibre were found in the basement. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

STUDENT SUSPENDED

HE WAS CHARGED WITH CHEATING.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—On the charge of cheating in class work, Fred Hall, crack distance runner of the University of Chicago, has been suspended for the quarter and debarred from all athletic contests for the rest of the year. The accusation against Hall is that he copied a geological map from the work of another student.

His defense was that the work was assigned to be done out side of class room hours and that he did not know it was not permitted for two students to work together.

THE LAST OF THE BUNDLES.

Tomorrow will be the day that you should attend the grand bundle sale at Wood's. The curtain will soon close on this celebrated bundle sale. Only one thousand of them left and the grand special red tickets are more numerous than ever. Just to close out the lot we have dumped a basket of red ticket bundles; so be on hand tomorrow and take away the presents. Come yourself and tell your friends to come. Fun and bargains for everybody.

WILLIAM BLOOM DEAD.

KEOUK, Ia., Feb. 26—William Bloom, president of the National Packars' association and a wealthy and prominent citizen, is dead at his home in this city.

A SERIOUS JOKE

Walter Walton Was Reported Dead

WIFE BELIEVED HE HAD BEEN KILLED

Gets Sentence for Non-Support

NORTHAMPTON, Feb. 26.—Walter P. Walton of Springfield was sentenced by Judge Strickland in the district court yesterday to five months in the house of correction of non-support of his wife.

The news of Walton's arrest was received with amazement in this city, where it was known that his wife had been wearing widow's mourning for several months in the belief that her husband had been killed by the cars.

Walton is 22 years of age. He and Miss Helen Bullman were married in Florence Feb. 11, 1903. They lived for a time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wenzell in the Center, but the groom's employment as a cook was precarious, and the couple separated, Walton going to Springfield and the bride to Florence.

Nov. 21 Mrs. Walton received a telegram from Robert J. Walton, who was supposed to be a brother of Walter, dated Springfield, and stating that Walter had been killed by the cars at Millineague. A letter was received next day from D. J. Griffin of Springfield, a stranger, giving details of the fatal accident and asking Mrs. Walton to be at the station in Springfield at a certain time, when the body of her husband would be shipped to his former home in the south for burial.

She went to Springfield at the appointed time and was met by a stranger who pointed out a coffin box which he said contained the body of her husband. Mrs. Walton believed the story, notwithstanding that no account could be found in the newspapers. Others did not examine the evidence closely and Walton has since been believed by his acquaintances in Northampton to be dead.

George Wenzell, with whom Walton and his wife had boarded, received a letter from Walton about two weeks ago, asking him to Springfield where Walton was sick and poor. He brought Walton to Northampton.

Soon after Walton was able to be out he was recognized on a street car by a friend, who had been best man at his wedding, and the latter told Mrs. Walton that her husband was alive. Mrs. Walton at once had her husband arrested for non-support.

Walton denied at the trial that he knew of the report of his death at the time it was started, and he believed acquaintances in Springfield had played a joke on his wife.

IN ALMSHOUSE

DEATH OF OLDEST EXPOUNDER OF METHODISM.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 26—James Warden, aged 102 years, supposed to be the oldest expounder of Methodism in the world, is dead in the Baltimore county almshouse. He was born in England and was licensed to preach in 1824. He traveled afoot over Baltimore county and even into Pennsylvania. A few weeks ago he lost his nursery business, he said, through the treachery of a friend. He was compelled to seek refuge in the county institution where he died.

PRICES HIGH

NEW YORKERS PAY DEAR FOR FOODSTUFFS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Practically all foodstuffs except eggs have reached extremely high prices in this city, owing largely to unfavorable weather. Prices which were thought to be high a week or two ago now look reasonable, for nearly everything that reaches the table. Fish, clams, oysters and lobsters are most affected by the severe winter. Oysters have never been so scarce, none coming to the market except from Providence river beds. Clams are scarcer than they have been in 15 years. Lobsters, which have been getting scarcer for years, are now hardly obtainable.

There is a fairly ample supply of cod and haddock, but the fresh fish—that is, fish not frozen and transported a considerable distance—are scarce. Potatoes, beans, cabbage, lentils beets and other vegetables are higher than they have been for years. Bread and rolls are being raised in various parts of the city and concerted action alon this line will probably be taken at a meeting to be held next Monday. In the tenement house section, where lentil soup, cabbage, beans and potatoes are staple articles of food, the peddlers even have raised their prices a couple of cents on each article sold.

GREAT CAVE-IN

Several Houses Have Been Wrecked

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 26.—One of the most extensive cave-ins that the northern anthracite coal region has ever experienced occurred in West Scranton early today. The cave-in has affected an area of about forty acres. Several houses have been wrecked any many families have removed their goods to places of safety. When the first break occurred shortly after midnight the residents became panic-stricken and rushed from their houses. There are 200 houses in the district affected. Some are completely wrecked. Others are out of plumb while nearly every house in the territory is twisted to such an extent that the doors and windows cannot be opened.

The cave-in was caused by the settling of the surface over the Diamond vein of the Bellevue colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company.

STRIKE THREATENED

PAINTERS AND DECORATORS WANT MORE PAY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—A strike is threatened next Tuesday of some 3500 painters and decorators in Chicago unless some amicable wage agreement is reached in the meantime. The present wage agreement expires March 1. The demand is 45 cents for the next year and 50 cents an hour for the following year.

PORTUGAL EASY

NOT ALARMED BY WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—M. Leitao of Lisbon, Portugal, an agent of his government, is here on his way to Macao, China. He said:

"My government is by nomeansalarmed by events in the far east, but we wish to be prepared for contingencies as they may arise and I am going out to make a report upon the condition of the colony for defence. Portugal is simply doing what England is doing at Hong Kong and France in Tonquin—that is, putting things in order so that if trouble is widespread in China we may be prepared."

STRUCK BY TRAIN

CONCORD WOMAN WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 26.—Miss Mary Chandler, aged about 60, was instantly killed at the East Concord railroad station at about 8 o'clock last night. She was a dressmaker and lived on Pembroke street in Suncook.

Last night she was on her way to the home of Cyrus R. Robinson. The belated Canadian Pacific, due north, struck her. She was deaf and probably did not hear the fast express approaching.

JAIL DISAPPEARED

TWO PRISONERS HAVE GONE WITH IT.

WINAMAC, Ind., Feb. 26.—The Pulaski county jail and two prisoners have disappeared. When the old jail was torn down in order that a new one might be built on the same spot, a freight car was substituted for the county lockup.

Last night a train crew, which did not know it was carrying away a county institution, hitched the car to the train and left town with it. The posse that went on the hunt for the jail returned yesterday after a careful search for the peripatetic jail.

It is feared that Pulaski county will see its jail no more.

WELL KNOWN ARCHITECT DEAD.

BATH, Me., Feb. 26—Fred W. Rideout, whose reputation as an architect of wooden craft, was recognized by builders along the Atlantic coast, died today from paralytic shocks, aged 56 years. Among a fleet of vessels designed by him were the six-masted schooner Eleanor A. Percy and Addie M. Lawrence, also the steamer Ransom B. Fuller of the Eastern Steamship company. He was prominent in Masonry and had served the city as alderman.

WILL FIGHT FOR GOODS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Judge DeHaven has set aside the order of condemnation of the goods seized in the baggage of Captain William H. Harts of the engineer corps, U. S. A., last July when he arrived on the transport Thomas from Manila. The court also countermanded the order to the United States marshal to sell the goods. The order was set aside on the application of the captain's attorneys, who stated that they were not aware that the case was coming up. Captain Harts also filed a claim on the goods seized. He will now fight for the goods and the $1871 penalty imposed for smuggling.

SPECIAL

A White Enameled Table with one pound of 60 cent Tea.

O'Brien Bros. LEADERS

227 CENTRAL STREET Telephone 679-5.

Announcement!

JAMES S. HASTINGS, for the past twelve years buyer and manager of the carpet and drapery departments of the O'Donnell & Gilbride Co., has taken temporary quarters in the Parker building, 67 Middle street, and is now prepared to fill all orders for Carpet, Drapery and Shade work. Special attention will be given upholstery work. Entrance 67 Middle street, or 128 Merrimack street, through Masonic Temple Building. JAMES S. HASTINGS.

Telephone 1105-3.

FIGHT IN SQUARE

Coachman for Congressman Ames

ASSAULTED YOUNG MAN IN MERRIMACK SQUARE

Patrick McKenna Was Assaulted

A young man in the employ of Harry T. B. Richardson, the Merrimack square baker and confectioner, was assaulted by Sandy Dunn, Congressman Ames' coachman, in Merrimack square this morning. The young man, familiarly known as "Patsy," says that the assault was entirely unprovoked. The coachman says that "Patsy" called him hard names and he says a repetition of the names will mean a repetition of the assault.

The assault occurred shortly after 11 o'clock this forenoon, directly in front of the Bell Clothing Co.'s store. "Patsy" was knocked down and with the first blow received a bad cut over one eye. Other blows followed and although the scrimmage lasted but a few minutes the coachman succeeded in doing "Patsy" brown. "Patsy" says he got in a few wallops on the coachman but the latter, over the telephone, said to The Sun reporter that "Patsy" never touched him.

When told that "Patsy" said the assault was entirely unprovoked, Sandy Dunn said that such was not the case. "Without any reason that I have any knowledge of, he called me bad names and I struck him. I don't have to stand to be called out of my name," he said.

"Patsey" went to a doctor and had his wounds dressed and the coachman jumped into his sleigh and drove away. His parting words were: "Perhaps that will satisfy you."

The young man called "Patsy" did not want to talk for publication. He said he did not want to have his name in the paper, and he preferred not to give the reporter his last name. He declared that the assault was entirely unprovoked and that he had never seen or spoken to his assailant before today. He said he did not call him bad names.

The fracas attracted a big crowd but it was all over with and the coachman was on his way home before anybody had time to interfere. Dunn was driving away before the clerks in the store in front of where the assault occurred knew that it had taken place.

At this point in the story the writer learned that the young man who was assaulted is Patrick McKenna of Gorham street and the chances are that he will not work today. Spectators say they saw no provocation for the assault and that McKenna was taken wholly unawares. The incident is not ended by any means, asserts Mr. McKenna.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 25.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Massachusetts branch of the national alliance, Daughters of Veterans, began in Grand Army hall, this city, this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Among the matters to come before the convention is a proposed change of name to Daughters of the Civil War and a proposition to have the annual convention hereafter in the same place and at the same time as that of the state department of the Grand Army. A feature of today's session was the welcome to Mrs. Charles Harrison Brock, the state president of the Daughters. She was formerly Miss Grace M. Putnam of Leominster and was married there yesterday to Mr. Brock who, though a son of a veteran of the civil war, is now in business at Amherst, N. S., where the couple will go shortly to reside.

CURSED THE JURY

Because He Did Not Get Death Sentence

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Sentenced to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary for the murder of saloonkeeper Patrick Barrett, 4216 Wallace street, Hugh Reilly leaped from his seat in Judge Smith's court as the jurors were filing out and cursed them for not imposing the death penalty.

The jury had sentenced his two companions in the crime, James Sammons and John Lynch, to death. All three are boys 20 years old.

His face ashen with the pallor that comes to prisoners in the county jail, Reilly stood leaning over the railing in front of the prisoners' box and shouted:

"Say, you dirty bunch, why didn't you hang me, too?"

Before another sentence could leave his lips he was seized by bailiffs, and, with the other prisoners, hurried from the room.

The murder of Barrett was particularly cold blooded. He was behind the bar in his saloon about 7 in the evening on the night of May 18, when the three boys entered and called for drinks. He turned to prepare them and when he faced the youths again he looked into the muzzle of a revolver.

He placed the drinks on the bar before putting up his hands, but the delay was fatal. He fell backward with a bullet in his head, and his sister, Mary Cronin, found him an hour later dead.

The night of the murder of Barrett the trio had, according to the police, shot a policeman and another man besides Mr. Barrett.

"BLEEDING COLORADO"

TITLE GIVEN STATE BY HEAD OF CITIZENS' ALLIANCE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—"Colorado can literally be called 'Bleeding Colorado,' owing to what has taken place there in the last ten years," said J. C. Craig, president of the Citizens' Alliance of Denver, Colo., in an address today before the house judiciary committee, in opposition to the conspiracy bill. Mr. Craig was the first speaker at today's hearing and devoted his time to a discussion of labor troubles of the state. He recounted the various clashes between the unions and the mine operators. He told of many lives being lost through plots which he said had been proved conclusively against the unions. The Citizens' Alliance was formed to take action against such assaults and the association grew to a membership of 14,000. Injunctions were then obtained and "then and then only," said Mr. Craig, "were we able to proceed with operating mines without daily fear of mine horrors."

"No convictions of any persons participating in the assaults have been obtained," said Mr. Craig.

TRADE CONDITIONS

DELAY IN SHIPMENTS INTERFERES WITH WHOLESALE TRADE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile agency throughout the United States and Canada make it clear that rather more conservative views are being taken of the prospects for general trade throughout the year than have been current heretofore. Wholesale trade at Chicago, Buffalo and St. Louis has been more interfered with by delays to rail shipments, but at many points, notably in the southwest and south, large volumes of traffic are reported.

There has been a lack of moisture for winter wheat in the southwest. In the central belt the winter grain has experienced hard freezing weather, but has been well protected. Slack movement of wheat eastward has thus far virtually nullified threatened losses to railways due to rate war.

There has been a slight improvement in trade in the Canadian dominion within a week, as railways have begun to move merchandise with greater ease.

It's Just Like Finding Money DURING THIS

Final Clearance Sale

OF

Winter Cloaks, Furs, Suits, Waists, Rain Coats, Etc.

AT LESS THAN COST OF MATERIAL

No goods carried over.

Must have room at once for new goods.

Prices represent only a mere fraction of the cost.

SUITS—This season's suits in Zibelines, Venetians and Serges: have sold from $15 to $18, this sale $7.50

$20 and $25 Nobby Suits, to close at $10.98

FLANNEL WAISTS—Some soiled waists that sold for $1.25 and $1.50, to close at.....50c Each

1 LOT VELVET WAISTS—That sold at $2.50, to close at.....75c Each

JACKETS AND COATS.

$8.00 and $10.00 Coats..... $2.50

$10.00 and $15.00 Coats..... $5.00

$18.00 and $25.00 Coats..... $7.50

Children's Coats, that sold from $4.00 to $10.50, now reduced to $1.50, $3.00 and $4.98

KIMONAS—One lot flamelette Kimonas, that were $1.25 and $1.50, to close at..... 79c

CLOTH CAPES.

$5.00 Black Kersey Capes..... $1.98

$10.00 Black Kersey Capes..... $4.98

$15.00 Trimmed Capes..... $8.98

PLUSH CAPES.

$7.50 Plush Capes..... $3.75

$10.00 Plush Capes..... $5.00

$15.00 Plush Capes..... $7.50

NEWMARKETS AND RAGLANS—that sold from $7.50 to $20.00, this sale.....$2.98, $5.00 and $7.50

NEARSEAL COATS—Reduced to $10, $15 and $25

FURS—At one-half price to close.

WALKING SKIRTS—All reduced, $2.00 to $10.00 skirts now 98c to $6.00

RAIN COATS...$5.00, $7.50 and $10.98

Each day we are receiving new Walking Suits and Skirts, new Dress Suits and Skirts, new Spring Jackets and new Waists.

CHRIS. HOLMES' SPECIALTY STORE

124-126 MERRIMACK STREET

ANOTHER BIG FIRE

Rochester, N. Y., Suffers Loss of $6,000,000

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26.—A great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city early today is still raging fiercely. Had there been even a moderately high wind, the firemen say, nothing would have prevented a repetition of the Baltimore fire. As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, as the water mains in many instances are frozen.

At 7 o'clock Chief Little and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo and Syracuse for assistance.

The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods company at 4.30. A fuse connected with the electric motor that runs the elevator blew out and the next moment flames were rushing up the elevator well. In a few moments the building was wrapped in flames. The fire spread to the Walk-Over Shoe company, just east of the Rochester Dry Goods company, and this building is entirely gutted. The fire is well under control in this direction. The fire has spread to the rear of the Granite building on Division street. The Cox building which fronts St. Paul street, on the corner of Division street, is on fire and is doomed. There have been several explosions in this building.

STARTED IN EARLY MORNING.

The fire started so early in the morning that few people were on the street, but soon thousands crowded about the fire lines that roped in the burning territory. The explosions of dynamite were supplemented by the thunder of crashing walls. All the police force of the city is on duty. Mayor Cutler and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman were on the scene shortly after it was discovered and will remain until the fire department have the flames under their control. Commissioner Gilman estimates the loss at 9 o'clock at between $5,000,000 and $6,000,000. The huge granite building belonging to Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co., the upper stories of which are occupied by hundreds of professional men, lawyers, doctors, dentists and business men, is gutted from the basement to the tenth story.

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

The entire tenth floor of the Granite building is taken up with the offices of the Vacuum Oil Co., a branch of the Standard Oil Co. A tremendous explosion occurred in the basement of the Granite building where the Sibley company conducted a large drug department. Chemicals stored there caused the explosion. There have been several mysterious explosions in the burned buildings which the fire officials cannot account for and it is said that a rigorous examination will be made after the fire.

Since 6 o'clock the trolley current has been entirely cut off and the maze of wires in the fire section has been crushed to the ground.

GREETED BY CHEERS.

At 10.07 the Syracuse contingent of fire fighters arrived. As the engines dashed through the streets from the depot the firemen were greeted by cheers from the crowds.

The distance between Syracuse and Rochester is only 90 miles but it took the firemen nearly double the ordinary time to make the trip on account of the severe cold which is delaying traffic on all the railroads in this part of the state.

The Syracuse firemen at once reported to Chief Little.

The Granite building is at the corner of Main and St. Paul streets. The building will be a total loss. Across St. Paul street to the west is another large dry goods store, Burke, Fitzsimmons, Hone & Co. The efforts of the fire department are centered on the west wall of the Granite building to prevent it falling and spreading the fire on the west side of St. Paul street. Should the fire once spread to the west side the entire business section would be at the mercy of the flames. On the corner diametrically opposite the Granite building is the chamber of commerce building, 11 stories high.

The building occupied by the Rochester Dry Goods Co., just east of the Granite building is totally destroyed and the walls have fallen.

ASSISTANT CHIEF INJURED.

At 9.15 Assistant Chief Frank James was severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the Hahneman hospital. It is reported at the hospital that his injuries are not fatal. So far there has been no loss of life, although there have been several miraculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris.

Insurance men now estimate the loss at from $4,000,000 to $5,000,000. Former Comptroller James Johnson, who possibly has a better line on insurance conditions and property values than any other individual in the city, summarizes the losses and the insurance to buildings as follows:

Granite building, loss $300,000; insurance $175,000.

Buell building, $75,000; insurance, $60,000.

Building owned by Ellwanger and Barry estate, $20,000; insurance $15,000.

Cornwall building, $75,000; insurance $60,000.

Kirley building, $35,000; insurance $20,000.

Building occupied by Walk-Over Shoe company, $10,000; insurance $5000.

Sibley, Lindsay and Curr company, wholesale building, insurance $250,000, total loss.

The loss to stock and insurance:

Sibley, Lindsay and Curr company, retail stock, value $350,000; insurance $300,000.

Sibley Lindsay, and Curr company, wholesale stock, value $1,200,000; insurance $1,000,000.

Loss to tenants in the Granite building, $200,000; insurance $100,000.

Loss to tenants in Buell building, $25,000; insurance $20,000.

Loss to tenants in Kirley building, $25,000; insurance $20,000.

Loss in stock of Walk-Over Shoe company, $15,000; insurance $12,000.

Gibbons & Stone Co., insurance $15,000, partial loss.

Loss in stock to Beadle and Sherburne company, $350,000; insurance, $250,000.

Loss in stock of Rochester Dry Goods Co., $150,000; insurance $125,000.

At 2 o'clock the fire was under control.

SPREAD QUICKLY

FIRE HAD GOOD START ON FIREMEN.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The fire today was the worst conflagration in the history of Rochester. It broke out shortly before five o'clock this morning in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Co.'s store at 156-166 Main street, east. The fire, according to the night watchman in the store, Thomas Connors, was discovered soon after it started but it spread with such rapidity that by the time an alarm was turned in, the entire front of the store was a mass of flames.

The fire department responded promptly. Assistant Chief Jaynes realized at once the dangerous nature of the fire and turned in a general alarm. By this time the flames had spread to the building occupied by the dry goods firm of Beadle and Sherburne company. When Chief Little arrived he immediately appealed for more fire apparatus to the chiefs of the Buffalo and Syracuse departments. Nearly five hours later four steamers arrived from Syracuse.

Within an hour after being discovered the fire had spread to the big Granite building occupied by the firm of Sibley, Lindsay and Curr, and by hundreds of business and professional men. Flames also spread to the buildings in the rear of the Granite block. The [illegible] cold made fire fighting diffic[illegible] hazardous as the ladders were [illegible] with ice. Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes was hurt about 9 o'clock and was removed to the Hahneman hospital. He was struck in the head by a flying nozzle. This was the only accident reported up to 10.30 o'clock.

The loss is estimated between four and five millions of dollars, most of which falls on the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr company, the Beadle and Sherburne company, the Rochester Dry Goods company and the Walk-Over Shoe company. The loss to the business offices in the Granite building cannot be estimated at this time. The plans and estimates for the mammoth new block that the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr company contemplate building in the spring are destroyed. The plans and estimates were in the architect's office in the tenth floor. The original plans and specifications for the new high school were also in this office and were destroyed. There are no duplicates of these plans and specifications. Almost the entire tenth floor of the Granite building is occupied by the Vacuum Oil Co., a branch of the Standard Oil Co. The Bradstreet mercantile agency also has offices in this building.

Several engines from the Buffalo fire department arrived at 11 o'clock and the Buffalo men were received with cheers of the crowd. At this hour the fire is still burning fiercely but Chief Little believes that the flames can be kept under control, as there is no wind blowing. The firemen used dynamite early in the morning but the use of explosives was soon abandoned. Shortly after 9 o'clock a portion of the Kirley building, occupied by the Rochester Dry Goods company, fell. At 3 o'clock the front of the building occupied by the Beadle and Sherburne company, fell into the street with a dull roar, carrying with it a mass of burning timbers, brick and plaster. Trolley wires snapped like brittle sticks and eight firemen had narrow escapes from injury. The wall almost struck the water tower which had been doing effective work in the Beadle building. The fire zone is guarded by large details of policemen and there is not the slightest indication of trouble from the crowds that throng the streets.

HAM NOT BAILED

He Spent the Night in Charles Street Jail

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Wallace H. Ham, who has been held until March 3, charged with appropriating $104,000 from the American Surety company of New York, spent the night in Charles street jail, because unable to secure bondsmen for $50,000, the amount fixed by the court yesterday. Several of Mr. Ham's friends made new efforts today to arrange for the bail necessary to bring about the release of the defendant.

At the same time auditing committees of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents and St. Paul's Episcopal church from which Ham is alleged to have embezzled, pursued a further examination of the books of those institutions.

Later in the day estimates placed the alleged shortage in the funds of St. Luke's home at from $40,000 to $60,000, or nearly two-thirds of the vested stock of the institution. With reference to St. Paul's church it was said that the shortage apparent at this time would not exceed $2000 or $3000. As treasurer of St. Paul's parish, Ham had charge only of the money used for current expenses, the trust funds being under the direction of another official of the church.

As manager of the Boston office of the American Surety Co., Ham had the custody of between $200,000 and $400,000 in securities. The funds of St. Luke's home were principally in bonds, mortgages, stocks and other securities and they were kept by Ham in a security vault at 40 State street, not far from the office of the security company. It was by the alleged manipulation of his company's securities and those of the home from one vault to another that conditions arose which resulted in the arrest of Ham.

PANAMA MINISTER

HAS SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, today cabled his resignation as such to the president of that republic.

ARCHIVES BURNED

CUSTOM HOUSE AT PERNAMBUCO DESTROYED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A private despatch received here today contained the information that a considerable part of the custom house at Pernambuco, Brazil, had been destroyed by fire and the archives all burned. The loss is estimated at $500,000.

NOT FATAL

CHILDREN BURNED BY EXPLOSION ARE IMPROVING.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 26.—The condition of the seven children burned last night by an explosion at the Richmond street Christian church during an entertainment for children, is reported excellent today. The injuries are all external and with the exception of John Mangelo, aged 6, the cases are not serious. Mangelo's injuries are serious but not necessarily fatal.

HISTORICAL LANDMARK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The board of estimate and apportionment decided today to acquire Fraunces tavern on Broad street noted as having been Washington's headquarters in the Revolution, for preservation as a historical landmark, but rescinded the action of the preceding board to condemn in addition for park purposes, the block of property on which the building stands. Several historical societies opposed the abandonment of the park project.

OPTICIANS MEET.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—A call has been issued for a meeting in Chicago March 7 of leading opticians. An attempt will be made to form a combination of concerns controlling all patented appliances and improved lenses used in the trade. The prosecution of infringement cases has become a costly matter and the manufactures intend, it is said, to vest their rights in a corporation.

BOWLING RECORD BROKEN.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 26.—The world's record for individual bowling has been broken by Homer Elliott of this city. In the state tournament now on he rolled 712. The previous record was made at Indianapolis about a year ago, when 676 was scored.

HAD A HARD PASSAGE.

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 26.—The schooner Charlotte T. Sibley, which left Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 5 for New York, arrived here today after a hard passage. The vessel is loaded with lumber. Capt. Edward White reports that he encountered severe gales which drove him far off his course. On the 17th, when he had rounded Cape Hatteras and had drifted into the gulf stream, he encountered heavy weather and lost flying jib and fore and main gaffs. On the 22d he succeeded in getting within 25 miles of Sandy Hook, but the wind shifted and drove the vessel off again.

He ran for Montauk point and then tried for New London, but could not get through the ice in the Block Island channel. He then succeeded in reaching this port.

The provisions had held out well, but the supply of fresh water was nearly gone. The crew were greatly exhausted from continuous exposure to severe weather.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Noon—Money on call steadier at 2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent. Exchanges $180,911,185; balances $9,993,393.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Cotton futures opened strong. Feb. 13.60 bid; March 13.80; April 13.95 bid; May 14.15; June 14.23; July 14.26; Aug. ——; Sept. 12.40; Oct. 11.70; Nov. 11.60; Dec. 11.40.

FORCED AN ENTRANCE.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Feb. 26.—The steamer Nantucket forced an entrance into the harbor through the ice today, after a battle of four and a half hours. She brought a big cargo of freight, including mainly provisions for the residents of the island. The steamer has not been here before in more than two weeks, the island having been cut off from water communication since February 9.

EMPEROR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Emperor William has telegraphed to Dr. Fischer, president of the Shan Tung railway, as follows:

"The news of the arrival of the first railway train at Tsinan Fu afforded me much gratification. I congratulate the management upon the success which the German spirit of enterprise has achieved in the far east and hope your indefatigable labor in China will be rewarded with further similar success.

"WILHELM."

SUPREME COURT

REFUSED TO CONFIRM SALE OF SALT PLANTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—In the supreme court today Justice Levintritt refused to confirm the sale of the National Salt Co.'s six plants in this state, at Ithaca, on Sept. 16, last to the International Salt company for $337,500, declaring that "the terms of the sale and the manner of their procurement; the method of sale and the manner of bidding; the gross and patent inadequacy of the price realized combine to shock the conscience of the court, precluding any affirmative act of approval on its part."

He held that the plants should be resold with different terms and more publicity to possible intending purchasers but refused to continue an injunction asked for by H. K. Pomeroy and other minority stockholders, restraining the sale and demanding damages on the ground of alleged wrongful acts of the directors of the National Salt Co.

FUNERALS

McKINNON—The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Frank McKinnon took place yesterday from her home in Hancock avenue. The funeral services were held at St. Jean Baptiste's church, Rev. P. Viaud, O. M. I., officiating, assisted by Rev. Frs. Campeau and Amyot, O. M. I., as deacons.

The bearers were Messrs. Paul Therriault, Archie McKinnon, Pierre Pelletier and Fred Gauthier.

Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

LENFEST—The funeral of Miss Eunice P. Lenfest was held yesterday afternoon from her home, 59 Belleview avenue. Rev. C. W. Huntington officiated and the bearers were P. K. Humphrey, C. F. Hoddrick, Warren Hill and Leroy Riley. The body was placed in the tomb in the Lowell cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

GROGAN—The funeral of Stephen Grogan took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, 3 Riverbank, off Lakeview avenue. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery and was under the direction of Funeral Director Charles H. Molloy.

DEATHS

NOLIN—Edwin F. J. Nolin died at St. John's hospital yesterday afternoon, aged 27 years, 9 months and 20 days. He is survived by a wife, Gertrude, a mother in North Andover, and two aunts, Mrs. Burbeck and Mrs. Baldwin of this city. He was a member of Manchester Unity Odd Fellows.

TAYLOR—Miss Margaret Taylor, aged 27 years, died last evening at the home of her aunt, Miss Eastham, 13 Jewett street. Besides her mother she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Hannigan and two brothers, John and Edward Taylor, all of Lowell.

LEWIS—George Lewis died last night at the Lowell hospital. He leaves a wife, Levenia, and one sister, Mrs. Henry Allen. The remains were removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker C. H. Molloy in Market street, and later to the home of the deceased, 72 Andover street.

GARRAHY—Catherine Garrahy died this morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. John Gillick, 66 Beach street, Collinsville.

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If so come in and get our prices and terms.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

RAILWAY MAIL and custom house examinations soon to take place. Send for circular. Room 16, No. 65 Merrimack St.

MISS M. COGNAC, 28 Aiken street, room 23—Cloak and dress maker; perfect work and fitting guaranteed and at moderately low price.

DOUBLE STAMPS, Light Blue, all this week; 100 with Baking Powder; 40 with Tea and 20 with Coffee. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on sale every day at both news-stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

CARDS OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS—We, the undersigned, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who in various ways helped us in our late bereavement in the death of our dearly beloved mother.

Family of Mrs. Ellen Larkin.

FUNERAL NOTICES

FUNERAL NOTICE—The funeral of the late John W. Fitzgerald, who died suddenly yesterday from pneumonia, contracted Sunday, will take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning from St. Jean Baptiste's church.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Gentleman's fob chain Wednesday between Broadway and Crystal lake. Reward at 43 Schaffer street.

LOST—Pocketbook marked G. F. M. containing a small sum of money and trading stamps. Reward for its return to Sun office.

LOST—1900 class ring near corner of Tyler and Lawrence streets. Finder rewarded at 203 Lawrence street; reward P. A. King.

FOUND—A seal skin muff at Bartlett & Dow's store. Owner can have by paying for adv.

FOUND—Wedding ring which I will return to the rightful owner. S. Scott, tobacconist, 24 Central street.

LOST—Saturday afternoon on Pawtucketville car or on Woodward avenue, pocketbook containing $5 bill and change, also papers. Reward at Sun Office.

LOST—Sunday, black and white fox terrier dog; will answer to the name of Spot. Finder return to 146 Church St. and receive reward.

LOST—Lady's steel bag Saturday evening containing $23 and pair rosary beads, between Kennedy's butter market and Church street. Finder leave at James Dolch's grocery store for reward.

LOST—A pocketbook between old Meadow road and Varnum avenue. Reward at Sun office.

LOST—Bunch keys yesterday afternoon between Highland school and Ginter grocery store. Finder please leave at Sun office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Six room ocean view cottage on three years' time, wide piazza, can see 500 ships pass every day, price $275, $125 down and $50 a year for 3 years at 5 per cent. interest; building lots 40x80 feet $15, assessed for $50. Address Box 336, Lowell.

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Honorable, the Justices of the Superior Court, within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents William L. Sheridan of South Framingham in said county, that he was lawfully married to Ellen M. Sheridan, now of parts unknown, at Southboro, said commonwealth, on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1897, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said Ellen M. lived together as husband and wife in this commonwealth, to wit, at South Framingham, said commonwealth that your libellant has always been faithful to his marriage vows and obligations, but the said Ellen M. being wholly regardless of the same, at South Framingham on or about the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1900, utterly deserted your libellant and that said utter desertion has continued for more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Ellen M. also there was born to your libellant of this marriage, Evelyn M. Sheridan, September 19th A. D., 1898, and your libellant prays that said minor child may be committed to his care and custody.

Dated this 18th. day of February, A. D., 1904.

WILLIAM L. SHERIDAN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, Feb. 24, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Monday of April next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell in the county of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

HELP WANTED

OUR MEN make $3 to $10 a day fitting glasses; our 24-page Free Eye Book tells all about it; write Jacksonian Optical College, College Place, Jackson, Mich.

WANTED—Second hand for twisting room, must be a first class man; wages $2.50 per day. Address Jay Beede, Arnold Print Works, No. Adams, Mass.

WANTED—Two farm hands, experienced milkers; two teamsters; woman in country. 45 Merrimack street. Tel. 948-2.

WANTED—An experienced saleslady of good address. Only those who can furnish the best of references need apply at rooms 2 and 3 Associate building.

WANTED—Experienced table girl. Clam Shell, 544 Middlesex street.

WANTED—A good man on the farm or man and wife. S. P. Pike, corner Middlesex and Howard street.

WANTED—A coal and wood teamster. Inquire at Sun office.

EARN $50 TO $100 monthly corresponding for newspapers; $5 a column for work in spare time; no canvassing; send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, room 301, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—A clerk thoroughly posted in the paint business. Address with references L. M., Sun office.

WANTED—Salesmen, salary and commissions; large sales and big profits. Call the Arlington house, room 29, Lowell, 6 to 9 p. m.

WANTED—An experienced cook at the Quincy house, 53 Lee street.

TO LET

TO LET—House, barn and land; also for sale, beach wagon in good running order, two tons of hay and about 14 cords of manure, lots of hen netting. Inquire A. Branchaud, 75 Hadley street, Middlesex Village.

TO LET—Best located room in city for one or two; modern conveniences. Also smaller room, reasonable. No. 271 Gorham street, opposite Court house.

TO LET—Two unfurnished rooms, hot and cold water, use of bath, also use of stable if desired. Inquire 260 Pine street.

TO LET—Carpenter shop, 2000 feet floor space, 29 Middle street, second floor. Apply to C. J. Connell at J. W. Bennett & Co.'s office, 564 Middlesex street.

TO RENT—A lovely four room tenement, good location, $8. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET—A 6-room tenement with all modern improvements. Apply at 227 School street.

TO LET—Queen street, three rooms, $7; Concord street, five rooms, $8; Centralville, five rooms, $7.50; two rooms, $1.50; other tenements and stores to rent. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 631 Broadway; rent low.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—By young man of good address, employment of any kind in city; will give $5 to anyone obtaining me good position. Address B. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in small family as housekeeper; no objection to country. 120 Ford street, near Moody street.

WANTED—A situation by a middle-aged woman at light housework or would mind children able to attend school or would wash dishes in a hotel or restaurant. Inquire at 59 Crosby street.

NURSE—Capable, experienced, can be obtained at reasonable terms at 38 Jones avenue, Dracut Centre.

WANTED

THE GREAT BARGAIN PLACE in Lowell for shirts and shirt waists and full suits is the Highland Remnant Store, 50 Pine street; take the Westford street car; a full line of regular 50c mercerized vesting and ottomans for 39c per yd.; also mercerized cheviot, regular price 37c, for 25c to 29c per yd.; regular 37c mercerized Sea Island for 21c per yard.; also Barnsley ginghams, flannelettes and vestings in bundles by the pound; it will pay you to see these bargains before purchasing elsewhere; also boot and shoe repairing done at lowest prices; drop us a postal card and we will call for and repair and deliver the goods without any extra charge.

WANTED—Dress making, children's clothing a specialty. Apply Mrs. J. M. Brown, 267 Appleton street, Lowell.

WANTED—For cash, a place 5 to 20 acres close to a city and electrics. Call or write to the Arlington house, Lowell. Mr. Dalton. Call 6 to 9 p. m.

POULTRY

POULTRYMEN—To make hens lay feed green cut bone; nothing like it; cut fresh daily. Adams Supply Co., 40 Middlesex street, room 18, Lowell.

FOR SALE

LOOK—One of Edison's phonographs, large horn, stand and over 80 records, as good as new, price $24, cost over $60. Apply 11 Mill street, Mr. Duffy, top flight.

FOR SALE—Democrat wagon and square wagon, nearly new, also second-hand wagon, travers runners. Apply 236 Thorndike street. Sidois & Leith.

FOR SALE—16-foot naphtha launch, cheap; good condition. Inquire 22 Olive street.

FOR SALE—One nearly new pung, one good light sleigh, cheap for cash. 60 Eighteenth street.

FOR SALE—A square piano, cheap, easy payments, room 15, 65 Merrimack street.

FOR SALE—New milch Jersey cows. Apply A. Fells, 969 Lakeview avenue.

LAUGHING WATER, Bedella, Pretty Little Dinah Jones, Just Kiss Yourself Goodbye, Oh, Didn't He Ramble, and 100 other popular songs, with music, postpaid for 10c. Address Albert Brooks, 2146 Fifth avenue, N. Y.

FOR SALE—A boarding house, rooms all occupied at present, at 238 Appleton street; if sold at once will let it go at $150; there are 12 rooms in the house and all furnished; sickness the only cause for wanting to sell. Inquire at 238 Appleton street.

FOR SALE—Very large boarding and lodging house, centrally located, very near P. O., all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, steam heat, gas; best location in city; doing big business at present. Further particulars at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Drug store, centrally located, well stocked. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good double travers runner sleigh. Inquire at 25 Cross street.

FOR SALE—Fine double sleigh, built to order, nearly new; owner having no further use for it will sell cheap. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—To mend your stove bricks use Eagle Stove Clay. Hardware and stove dealers sell it in three size packages.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. H. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 25c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers, 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack St.

MISCELLANEOUS

$50 BRIDGE STREET, White Sewing Machine Co.—Ladies, before buying try our Automatic drop machine; we have several other makes; you are sure to get suited; good second hand machines on hand; give us a call.

TRADING STAMPS GIVEN AWAY—We are giving 50 with our 60c tea, 60 with our 50c tea, 30 with our 35c coffee; we have hundreds of ladies tell us that our tea and coffee are the best in the city; come and try it; one cup will convince you; also we have fresh creamery butter every week. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., Davis square.

MISS UPHAM, clairvoyant and card reader; cards read 25c. 31 Merrimack St., corner John.

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MME. WATSON EMERSON—Clairvoyant and psychological readings at 474 Central street, also instruction in elocution and physical culture.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner Store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION!—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien, at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1064 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

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STOVES—New and second-hand bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 105 Middlesex street.

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IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year; Repairing a specialty. 281 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

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MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 58 Central street.

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JAPAN'S SECRECY

A Conspiracy of Silence Pervades the Entire Nation

Russian Claims are Not Credited—Japanese Cruisers are at Shanghai—Alleged Cruelty to Japanese Refugees

LONDON, Feb. 26.—War correspondents and Europeans in Japan, commenting in amazement upon the success of the Japanese officials in preserving secrecy regarding all the operations of war, declare this conspiracy of silence is not only confined to government and service circles, but that it extends to every section of the country. All classes of people are submitting with marvelous patience to being deprived of news, which they recognize as imperative to the success of the national cause. It is undoubtedly in pursuance of this policy that no Japanese account of the Port Arthur attacks has yet been published and none is expected until Admiral Togo has completed his designs there.

In the meantime if the report from Yin Kow of a Japanese landing near Vladivostok, which at present is based on missionary and native statements, should prove correct a most important and new development in the Japanese operations will have been revealed as it points to an attack on Vladivostok, from which Possiet bay is only a little over 70 miles distant.

The report that the railroad has been cut between Harbin and Vladivostok may possibly be connected with these operations, but until more reliable information is forthcoming this report must be received with reserve. It has already been reported from Tokio that certain Russian forces were concentrating at Possiet bay.

No further news of an attack at Port Arthur after the engagement in which the Japanese attempted to sink vessels in such a manner as to block the harbor entrance, has reached London. Almost all the English newspapers in discussing Viceroy Alexieff's reports incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded in so far as to make the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free for smaller craft, and presume that the reported second attack, if it did occur, was devoted to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

The Morning Post today devotes a long editorial article to an historical record of the rapid growth of American activity in far eastern affairs, comparing the present attitude of the United States with her passive interest in the Chino-Japanese war. The paper remarks on the notable pro-Japanese feeling in the United States, after such a long traditional friendship with Russia and contends that American friendship for the empire was always artificial. Admiral Dewey's guns, the paper continues, literally shattered the superstitution that Russia was the appointed friend and Great Britain the appointed enemy of the United States.

"We believe," the Morning Post concludes, "that the appearance of America is a working element in international affairs and her unmistakable hostility to Russia, is destined to become epoch-marking if not epoch-making."

TEN NURSES GOING TO JAPAN

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—The Philadelphia branch of the Red Cross society, independent of the national society, will send ten nurses to Japan in charge of Dr. Anita H. McGee of Washington. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Philadelphia association held in Independence hall yesterday, when a resolution was adopted binding the local association to raise a fund of $5000 by voluntary contributions on condition that the expedition will go under the auspices of the Philadelphia society. The selection of the nurses will be left to Dr. McGee. Only those who have seen service in war will be accepted. The nurses will be under the direction of the Japanese government which has already accepted the services of the Red Cross society.

KUROPATKIN HONORED BY THE CZAR

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.—The czar has conferred upon General Kuropatkin the diamond insignia of the Order of St. Alexander-Nevski.

Lieut. General Fulton, assistant governor-general of Warsaw has been appointed prefect of St. Petersburg. This appointment was wholly unexpected.

RUSSIAN CLAIMS NOT CREDITED

CHEFOO, Feb. 26.—Circulars from Russian sources have been printed in the Chinese language and distributed here belittling the successes of the Japanese and exaggerating those of the Russians.

It is stated on the authority of those close to the Chinese that at the first success of the Japanese army the Chinese will join the Japanese with the hope of driving all foreigners out of China.

A Russian official report states that four Japanese battleships were sunk at Port Arthur in last Wednesday's attack, but the report is not credited. The Japanese have only six battleships in these waters. Four of them were off Wei-Hai-Wei last Wednesday evening and the remainder of the fleet is intact.

JAPANESE REFUGEES CRUELLY MURDERED

PEKIN, Feb. 26.—Private advices received here from New Chwang confirm the reports of the ill-treatment of Japanese refugees at the hands of the Russians while they were journeying through Manchuria and declare, moreover, that some of the refugees were without doubt, cruelly murdered.

The Russian soldiery at New Chwang is so undisciplined that that place is unfit for European women.

ANOTHER ATTACK EXPECTED BY STARK

PARIS, Feb. 26.—In a despatch from St. Petersburg, a correspondent of the Echo De Paris, says the last Japanese attack at Port Arthur was repulsed brilliantly. He refers to the reported second attack and says the Japanese were again obliged to quit the roadstead. It is presumed that the entire squadron joined in the second attack, hoping to avenge the repulse of the preceding day. The Japanese are supposed to have incurred further losses during this long fight. Admiral Stark has telegraphed that he expects a third attack.

Continuing, the correspondent says that General Kuropatkin has started for his home to take leave of his mother before going to the east and he quotes the general as having said: "This war may last eighteen months, but every arrangement has been made that no Japanese, after having landed, shall return to his country."

JAPANESE CRUISERS ARE AT SHANGHAI

LONDON, Feb. 26.—In a cablegram from Shanghai a correspondent of the Daily Mail reports the arrival there of the Japanese cruisers Idzumo, Suma and Akitsuhima.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard sends a report from a native source that the Russians have burned a large village near the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants, including the women, in revenge for an attempt to wreck the Sungari bridge.

Clearance sale at Oriental Bazaar.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

John Copeley, residing at 18 Cross street, and an employe of the street department, was struck in the right arm by a pick, while working in Abbott street. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, where three stitches closed the wound.

Mark down sale at Oriental Bazaar.

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10 on 1 package 14c. Force.
10 on 1 package 14c. Cero Fruto.
5 on 1 package 10c. Presto.
10 on 1 lb. 15c. Butterine.
10 on 1 Bottle of Blue at 10c.
10 on 1 can 12c. Tomatoes.

On Green, National, Red, White and Blue.
50 on 1 lb. 50c. Baking Powder.
30 on 1 lb. 50c. Tea.
10 on 1 lb. 25c. Coffee.
5 on 1 lb 15c. Butterine.
5 on 1 package 14c. Force.
5 on 1 package 14c. Cero Fruto.
3 on 1 package 10c. Presto.

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Best Roast Pork....10c a lb
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ANNUAL BANQUET

Of Stevens Debating Club Held Last Night

The Solon W. Stevens Literary society held its second annual banquet last evening in the vestries of the First Congregational church and it was a grand success. An excellent menu was served. A violin solo was contributed by Mr. George A. Mevis. The

W. W. GRAHAM, President.

officers of the organization are: President, W. W. Graham; vice president, C. L. Cutler; secretary, G. A. Mevis; treasurer, J. R. Cove. Last evening's committee was G. L. Cochrane, chairman; A. S. Thomas, C. F. Osgood, J. R. Cove and R. H. Richardson, aids.

After the menu had been served, the following toasts were given: "The society," W. W. Graham; "The young man in politics," Hon. Solon W. Stevens; "The young man in business," W. T. Barstow; "the young man in the church," Rev. Ralph Gillam; "Our leader," A. S. Thomas. Mr. Addison E. Avery favored the company with a brief address.

Mr. Solon W. Stevens responded to the toast "The Young Man in Politics" and spoke in part as follows:

"Be politicians from the start and stay in until the end. American young men can't live and be brought up without being politicians. 'Politician' and 'statesman' are synonymous, when the right meaning of the words is taken. Men in America work. This is a nation of workers. It is thus the common people who make things as they are. It is said sometimes that young

CLARENCE L. CUTLER, Vice President.

men of good breeding and good standing should keep out of politics as it is dirty. Granted that it is dirty, it is then for you clean young men to go in and carry the character you have and the religion you profess. You must take your coats off to work. No matter if your hands do become soiled as long as your characters are not smirched. I hold that it is a young man's duty, next to the mastering of his business, to become an intelligent politician. I do not mean that you are to become a grafter, and do the little tricks of the business, but you are to enter politics with a high-minded purpose. Understand thoroughly the questions of the day, and then vote intelligently. That is one of the essential elements of politics."

The committee in charge was as follows: A. W. Graham, C. L. Cutler, G. A. Mevis, J. R. Cove, G. L. Cochrane, W. H. Rounds, E. L. Weegar, C. F. Osgood, H. L. Parker, G. H. Richardson, R. L. Leggett, J. W. Wainwright, C. J. Miller, F. E. Atkinson, T. L. Smith, W. E. H. Wilson, William Johnson.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack street.

CLUB ROCHAMBEAU

DEFEATED CLUB PASSE TEMPS AT WHIST.

The crack whist players of the Club Rochambeau of Haverhill came here last night with a party of friends on a special electric car and defeated the Club Passe Temps at whist by the close score of 395 to 387. There were 68 visitors in the party and owing to a break-down on their car it was 9 o'clock when they arrived.

Twenty-eight deals were played, and 24 expert players were matched on either side.

The contest was the first of a series of four, to be played between the two clubs for the state championship and also for a $25 cup. The second meet will be next Wednesday at Haverhill, the third the following Wednesday at Lowell, and the final again at Haverhill at the Rochambeau clubhouse. The greatest number of points made in all in the one side will decide the contest.

After the game the visitors were royally entertained.

SMITH IS SUED

A Claim of $500,000 Against Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—J. Henry Smith, better known as "Silent Smith," who inherited $25,000,000 from his uncle, George Smith, in 1899, has been sued for $500,000. His co-defendant in the action is George Alexander Cooper, who lives in London, and has a great estate at Elgin, Scot. The plaintiff in the suit is Benjamin Nettleton Oakeshott of Purley, Surrey county, Eng.

George Smith died in London in 1899, leaving an estate, the value of which was fixed at $50,000,000. He had made almost all of this in fortunate investments in this country. For 25 years Oakeshott had served him as private secretary and confidential accountant, and in his will he named Oakeshott a co-executor, with Cooper and "Silent Jimmy" Smith, who were to divide the big estate equally.

Cooper immediately began to cut a wide swarth in society, paying little or no attention to the affairs of the estate, of which he had inherited one-half. He deputized "Silent Smith" to look after his interests. But first he and Smith made an agreement with Oakeshott, by which the latter was to continue in the capacity of confidential accountant for the estate.

The secretary signed a contract by which he renounced his share to give his services to the legatees for two years at $2500 a year. He was aware that under the English law he could not draw any commission as an executor, but figured that he could do so under the laws of New York, where all of the big estate was held.

Smith took immediate steps to remove the entire estate from this country to England. The state of New York thereupon stepped in and began an action to recover the amount of the transfer tax on the estate. In this legal contest Smith swore that under the law the executors were entitled to commissions amounting to $1,500,000, and this amount was exempt from the transfer tax. This became the ground for Oakeshott's suit to recover $500,000.

Up to the present time all of the litigation has been confined to Oakeshott and "Silent Smith," for the reason that the process servers have been unable to find Cooper. The case came up before Justice Truax in the supreme court yesterday, when lawyer McIlvaine asked for the appointment of a commission to take the testimony of Cooper as soon as he can be found. Decision was reserved.

CHILDREN HURT

While at Sunday School Entertainment

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 26—An accident at the Richmond Street Christian church here last night resulted in 10 children being seriously burned and others painfully injured. Seven of those burned are in the city hospital and it is thought that many others may have been hurt.

The Sunday school room was crowded for an entertainment given by the pastor, Rev. Vernon Stauffer. The evening had been set apart for the small boys. A crowd of girls gathered on the outside. The pastor was telling fairy stories and in order to make them realistic he provided a kettle, with salt in the bottom of it saturated with alcohol. This was set afire to furnish weird lights for the fairy stories. Suddenly a draft struck the stream of alcohol and an explosion followed. All of those seated around the fire were burned. Besides the seven taken to the hospital three were taken home badly hurt and others not seriously injured were bandaged up and taken home. The blame for the draft is charged to the little girls who had been excluded and were opening doors to look in.

COLONIAL PARTY

AT THE HOME OF DR. AND MRS. W. H. PEPIN.

The King's Daughters of the First Baptist church held a delightful Colonial party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pepin, 442 East Merrimack street, last evening. The ladies who entertained were richly costumed in colonial style and four little people, William Pepin, Montague Ford, Mildred French and Charlotte Haskell were also exquisitely attired in colonial costumes.

The guests were presented to the officers of the society of King's Daughters by three officers of the High school regiment in full uniform, Messrs. Felton Moody, Francis Sullivan and Thomas Corcoran. The ladies in the receiving party were Miss Minnie G. Walsh, Miss Emily Simpson, Miss Clara Emerson and Miss Sarah J. Crosby.

The large residence was crowded with guests, but all were warmly welcomed and merriment prevailed throughout the evening. A program was given early in the evening as follows: Quartet, Messrs. Sturtevant, Bowden, Reid and Dobson; Mrs. Pepin and Mrs. Lillian Dodge Haskell, who gave an amusing musical comedy sketch; Miss Mildred French, who sang and danced the Minuet, and Master William Pepin, who sang a patriotic selection; Mrs. Haskell also read a couple of humorous selections and Mr. Bowden, who is a tenor from Lawrence, sang a solo.

In the upper hall was a novel and interesting picture gallery, in which hundreds of old photographs of members of the First Baptist congregation were exhibited, numbered and catalogued according to the most approved methods.

Frappe was served in the "den," and in the dining room were refreshments of a more substantial nature. Mrs. S. T. Ford and Mrs. Larkin T. Trull had charge of the dining room and many of the Daughters assisted in serving refreshments. Miss Walsh was chairman of the refreshment committee, and other chairmen were as follows: Mrs. Charles E. Meader, picture gallery; Miss Lottie Flemings, frappe; Mrs. Harry Stocks, tickets; Mrs. Pepin, entertainment program.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Manager Murphy of the Academy of Music has always made it a point to cater to the ladies, but finds that it is impossible to do this an dbook burlesque shows at his house, therefore rather than lose the patronage of the gentler sex he has decided to abandon the burlesques and has notified his booking agent in New York to cancel all burlesque shows that have been booked for the house and to book good dramas and comedies, such as may be attended by ladies and children. Manager Murphy believes that he is making a good move, as do the patrons of the house.

"The Parish Priest," which was presented yesterday afternoon and evening was the first of the new style of plays to be presented and the management could not have made a better choice, for "The Parish Priest" is one of the surprises of the century. The title suggests everything that the play is not. It suggests, first, religion, yet there is no religion in it.

In the character of Fr. Whalen is a beautiful sentiment suggested by his calling, but in no act, situation or line does he make any allusion to the creed which he represents. It is not an Irish play, the scene being laid in Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, and the action of the same resolves itself around characters that are thoroughly American. The play has been enthusiastically praised by the leading critics of the leading cities.

"The Parish Priest" is without doubt one of the strongest and prettiest plays ever penned by a playwright, and Mr. Hart is to be congratulated for giving it to the public. People went and laughed in turn at the pathos and original humor, which are ably blended and drawn out by a master hand, and which lead up to situations that are beautifully enacted. What appeals to one is the naturalness of the play. It is everyday life depicted by an artist and observer of scenes that happen in the life of every community. It is original, and what is more, it does not depend on scenic effects to bring out any strong points, the author having attended to that in the lines. There is no heavy villain; there are no exciting climaxes that will cause the blood to curdle. Everything is simple and true to life. It is a picture of simple life cleverly woven together and cleverly produced by a competent company and each character is so strong that it stands out strongly. Mr. Daniel L. Hart has attempted no burlesque on the Irish race. There is nothing to show it in other than the proper light. No girls come out in short skirts, but, instead, it is refined in every particular, the language being sweet, choice and pure and the characters such as are to be met in every walk of life. Mr. Hart has given to the stage a strong play in a line never attempted before and it will prove a success wherever presented.

The part of Rev. Fr. Whalen is taken by Mr. F. J. McCarthy and that gentleman is admirably adapted for the part. His gentle voice, which grows stern at times, his manner and appearance, his humor and consoling ways all add to his portrayal of the part which is a most difficult one to assume. His sweet way of doing things touches the audience and many tear dimmed eyes were noticed last night during the pathetic parts of the performance. The part of "Dr. Edward Welch" which is taken by Mr. Robert White, is one which is singularly adapted to this young man who while in love with one girl consents to marry another though the thought of telling his first love the state of affairs troubles him greatly. Dr. Welch willing to give up true love for that of riches breaks the heart of his first and only love but through the mediation of Father Whalen everything comes out all right. The part of James Welch, a brother of the doctor, is well taken by William Vaughn.

Jane Seagrave portrays the part of Nellie Durkin, Father Whalen's niece, and her gentle manner and forgiveness are only surpassed by the brilliant manner in which she portrays her difficult part. Agnes Cassidy, a girl with a temper, is the cause of all the trouble, but she finally repents and sees her wrong in time to let happiness and love take their true course.

For the first time an author of a play has produced an Irishman in his true form, the part being that of Michael Sullivan as taken by John D. Griffin. This Irishman is no burlesque on the representatives of Ireland, but it is an everyday Irishman such as is seen on the street, the manner and talk being that of a true Irishman.

Among the others who assist in carrying out the production are Harry Bafford as Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Paul A. Carroll, who portrays the part of Frank Dougher, and Sadie Dailey who furnishes comedy in the part of Catherine Corrigan.

Performances will be given this afternoon and evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

LOWELL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Rudolf Krasselt, the cello soloist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, accompanied by Max Zach, the official pianist of the same organization, are the attractions at the fourth recital of the Lowell Orchestral Society at Huntington hall next Sunday, Feb. 28. When Schroeder left the Symphony Orchestra the managers with unlimited money at their command put a drag net over all the musical centres of Europe to catch the best 'cellist in the world and Krasselt was the result. Only 24 years old he must have been a born 'cellist. He has never been heard in Lowell and only in Boston since last fall. Max Zach, pianist and conductor of the Boston "Pops" will be his accompanist. Such talent comes high, but nothing is too good for the patrons of the Lowell Orchestral society. A good reserved seat is necessary for such a recital which can be obtained at the popular prices of 25 and 50 cents at Austin's Music Store Friday morning.

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BOXING GOSSIP.

The Kid Flannery-Walsh bout at Dewey Grove will be held on Wednesday night next. Through an error it was previously announced for Thursday night.

WRESTLING BOUTS.

The program for tonight's wrestling bouts at Huntington hall consists of Callery vs. Rogers, Pearson vs. Ploure, Muggins vs. Fradje and Ladue vs. Sweeney. Ladue will weigh 140 and Sweeney 205.

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JUDGE'S CHARGE

Trial of Postal Case is Nearly Ended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—Immediately after criminal court convened today Justice Pritchard charged the jury in the postal case as follows:

JUDGE'S CHARGE.

Justice Pritchard in his charge to the jury set but the various counts in the indictment and said the defendants are presumed to be innocent, and that that presumption amounts to evidence introduced in their behalf and remains with them until the jury is satisfied by evidence that convinces them beyond a reasonable doubt as to the defendant's guilt. He said it was incumbent on the government to prove the allegations contained in the indictment by evidence sufficient to satisfy the jury as to the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Continuing, he said:

"A 'reasonable doubt' does not mean every doubt that may flit through your minds in consideration of the case, but a doubt for which you could give a reason if called upon to do so. If, after carefully considering the evidence, and the law as the court shall give it to you, you find a doubt which leaves your minds unsatisfied, that will be a doubt to which the defendants are entitled to the benefit; but they are not entitled to the benefit of any doubts which may not have a reasonable foundation in the evidence and in the circumstances of the case.

THE SOLE JUDGES.

"You are the sole judges of all questions of fact, and in this respect the court cannot be of any aid to you. You have had an opportunity of observing the conduct of the witnesses while on the witness stand as well as the interest which any witness may have had in the transactions about which he may have testified, and these are matters which should be considered by you in determining the question as to the amount of weight that you are to give the evidence of any witness who may have been introduced either by the government or the defence.

"It is your duty to arrive at a conclusion in considering the facts and circumstances of this case the same as you would come to a conclusion upon any other set of facts in life. There is no technical rule which prevents you from applying to them the same rule of common sense that you will apply to any other subject that might come under your consideration.

"If, therefore, after an impartial consideration of all the evidence you can candidly say that you are not satisfied with the defendant's guilt you have a reasonable doubt; but, if after such impartial consideration of all the evidence, you can truthfully say that you have an abiding conviction of the defendant's guilt, you have no reasonable doubt, and it will be your duty to return a verdict of guilty."

After quoting from the statutes bearing on conspiracy, Justice Pritchard said that the statutory offence of conspiracy under the laws of the United States is not complete until an act is done by some of the parties to carry into execution the fraud alleged to have been committed in the indictment. The combination or crime is the offense, but the alleged fact to effectuate it is necessary to make it indictable.

GENERALLY SECRET ACTION.

"As a general rule," he continued, "concerted action on the part of individuals to violate a law or commit a fraud is secret, hence the rule which permits the introduction of evidence of separate individual acts tending to show a common design in cases like the one which you are now called upon to consider. The common design is the essence of the charge and to prove it, it is not necessary to prove that the parties actually came together and actually agreed in terms to have that design and to pursue it by common means. Therefore if you find from the evidence that the parties charged in the indictment knew of the object to be accomplished and all intentionally participated in the transaction in the furtherance of the common design and purpose to defraud the United States, then you may find that there was a tacit understanding, and, so far as the conspiracy is concerned, that is sufficient to constitute the offense. There need be no specific agreement."

He said that such an offense rarely, if ever, is proven by direct testimony. Evidence in proof of conspiracy may be and from the nature of the case generally must be circumstantial. "The defendants," he said, "have gone on the witness stand and testified in their own behalf. It therefore becomes my duty to say to you that you ought to scrutinize their testimony, in view of the fact that they are interested in the outcome of this trial. But in doing so, I do not wish to be understood as saying that you should not believe the testimony of the defendants because of the fact that they are interested; and if after considering their testimony and the circumstances under which it was given, you are of the opinion that they have told the truth about the transaction it is as much your duty to give credit to what they may have stated as it is to believe any other witnesses who may have testified during the progress of this trial."

He instructed the jury that if they were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that Machen and the other defendants, or any two or more of them conspired to sell the fasteners to the government at a price in excess of that at which they otherwise would have sold the same and divided the proceeds among themselves, they were guilty as indicted. The jury, he said, could find the defendants guilty as to each count in the indictment or acquit them as to some and find them guilty as to others, and a verdict of not guilty could be found as to one or more of them. "But," he added, "before you can return a verdict of guilty you must find that at least two of the defendants are guilty of the conspiracy as charged in the indictment; that is to say you cannot find one defendant guilty and return a verdict of not guilty as to all the others."

MUST NOT BE PREJUDICED.

He urged the jury not to be influenced by prejudice or be moved by sympathy. "You should give these defendants a fair and impartial trial," he said, "according to the evidence as testified by the witnesses and in the law as given to you by the court."

"The case," he continued, "should be tried on its merits and without regard to what effect the verdict would have on the public mind. He concluded as follows:

"It is proper that the government should prosecute all parties charged with crime and the fact that the government may have employed special counsel in this case should not influence your minds one way or the other and it is equally essential to the proper administration of the law that the defendants should be represented by counsel in the conduct of this trial as it is that the government, through its counsel, should be permitted to present its contentions as to the issues, that are raised by the allegations contained in the indictment.

"I am sure, therefore, when you come to decide this matter, you will consider solely the question as to whether or not the defendants are guilty as charged in the indictment."

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Tee N. C. A. Discusses Motor Paced Racing

Paced racing, and particularly motor paced racing, which has done more to hurt the bicycle racing game during the past few years than anything else, was the cause of much discussion at the annual meeting of the National Cycling association, held in New York this week. There was an emphatic sentiment against the conducting of this kind of races and the good old sprint races will predominate on all tracks this season and will without doubt be the cause of reviving the sport which has been sinking rapidly during the past several years. Thousands turned out to see a sprint race where hundreds went to view a motor paced race.

The main trouble with the motor paced races has been that it is not the man who is following the motor who is the centre of attraction, it is the pacing machine itself, and it has and always will be, unless some expert can perfect the pacing machines, which rider has the better motor. The man with the better motor wins. Let Walthour meet a new comer in the paced game and if the latter has the better pacing machine, Robby, despite the fact that he has demonstrated his superiority over other riders, will come in second best.

People have left bicycle tracks in disgust after sitting half an hour or more waiting for a motor to get warmed up and after the contestants had gone a couple of miles see one of the motors go to the bad. It is much different in a sprint race, for the worst that happens in a sprint race is a tumble and there are always so many entries that the dump of half a dozen riders will not tend to detract from the race for there are enough of riders left on their wheels to furnish a good finish. Then again in the sprint races it is a case of the best man will win, while in the motor paced races, as above stated, it is the man with the best motor who wins.

A plan has been suggested to the N. C. A. by J. Frank Eline, of Baltimore, whereby a circuit on a large scale may be adopted for the coming season. If it is adopted it is likely that some of the fastest European sprinters will be brought to this country so as to give racing an international rather than a national tinge. The circuit could then be planned so the cities where meets may be scheduled can advertise the races for weeks in advance, and an effort is to be made to arouse real interest and attract big crowds.

The outline of the plan includes Charles River, Providence, Revere Beach, Lowell, Springfield, Worcester, Hartford, Fall River and New Haven, in the North, and Manhattan Beach, Vailsburg, Baltimore, Atlantic City, Washington, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, in the South. There is also a possibility that some of the smaller trotting tracks will also be utilized for at least one meet during the summer. If the plans are carried out the Vailsburg track which was burned last week will be rebuilt and a new track constructed in Baltimore.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

CHANCELLOR OF FRENCH LEGATION UNDER ARREST.

SALINA, Cruze, Mexico, Feb. 26.—Charles Larroussie, chancellor of the French legation at Mexico City, who left his post a few days ago after, it is alleged, having embezzled $8000 from funds belonging partly to the legation and partly to the French minister personally, has been arrested here. He will be held until the papers for his return to the national capital are executed, when he will be taken to the city of Mexico.

HELD CONFERENCE

BRYAN, HILL AND OTHERS DISCUSS MATTERS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—William J. Bryan, Former Governor David B. Hill, Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, James K. Head, of Tennessee, J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania (the latter three members of the National Democratic committee) and Dr. John H. Girdner, of this city, met last night in a room in the Hoffman house. After they came out Mr. Mack said the meeting was merely a coincidence, and Mr. Bryan declared that "There is no politics in this at all."

TAKEN FROM STAGE

FIVE CHILDREN IN MAXIME ELLIOT'S COMPANY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Five small children who are members of Maxime Elliot's company now playing "Her Own Way" at the Illinois theatre were taken from the stage last night by order of the state factory inspector. Mr. Yack, manager of the company, was arrested on a warrant charging violation of the state labor law, but gave bond for his appearance in court today. The children joined the company in New York.

TREATY LAPSED

THE TIME LIMIT WAS OVERLOOKED.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—The lapsing of the Isle of Pines treaty on account of its not being ratified within the time limit, is regarded here to be mainly due to the fact that the state department at Washington did not call attention to the matter. It would also appear, however, that the Cuban state department failed to remember this time limit. The treaty was signed in Havana on July 2, 1903, and was ratified by the Cuban senate on July 16, since when it has been pending in the U. S. senate. The last condition of the treaty was to the effect that the ratification be exchanged in Washington, within seven months of the date of signing.

Persons interested in securing American sovereignty for the Isle of Pines are jubilant at this development considering it to be a set-back which gives additional promise of the final defeat of the proposition that the island remain under Cuban sovereignty.

STONE MASONS

Celebrated Their 17th Anniversary

In their hall in Middle street last evening members of the Stone Masons' union celebrated their 17th anniversary with a smoke talk and the affair was a most enjoyable one.

The early part of the evening was devoted to business and a big grist of routine business was transacted. Three new members were admitted to the union and four applications were received. After the business meeting had been gone through with light refreshments were served and an entertainment by the members was enjoyed. General dancing was indulged in and when the festivities had been brought to a close a consensus of opinion declared the anniversary a great big success.

The Stone Masons' union was organized Feb. 25, 1889, and since that time has flourished and is today one of the strongest organized unions in the city. The officers of the union at the present time are: President, Michael J. Rogers; recording secretary, Louis Derry; financial secretary, Patrick J. Gallagher; deputy, James Smith; treasurer, Patrick Gallagher; sergeant-at-arms, Peter Corcoran; committee of arrangements, Joseph M. V. Bean, P. J. Gallagher, M. J. Rogers, P. Gallagher, Neil Callahan.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Stationary Firemen held last evening two new members were initiated into the union and four applications for membership were received. The firemen will celebrate their seventh anniversary on March 10th.

Representative Samuel Ross and Representative John Lawley, both of New Bedford, visited the local labor halls last evening.

BEEF REMOVED

THIRD SHIPMENT NOT SENT TO RUSSIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26—The sailing of the steamer China for the Orient has been postponed from today until Saturday. On board the steamer last night workmen were removing one million pounds of beef sold to the Russian government by a local firm. Three million pounds of beef had been contracted for by the Russian government and the first two instalments were shipped on the steamers Coptic and Korea. The beef was seized by Japanese officials and it is believed the local sellers received orders at almost the last moment to remove the third shipment from the China.

Don't miss the sale at Oriental Bazaar.

TRAINS CRASHED

Firemen and Three Others Killed

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 26.—The front section of a fast stock and freight train ran into the rear end of another stock and fast freight train on the Chicago Great Western railroad near Dyersville last night. The fireman of the rear train was killed. Three unknown stockmen on the front section were killed and their bodies cremated.

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'Tis surprising how far a dollar will go in this great sale as far as two or even three would ordinarily. But this is an out of the ordinary event, so one is not so much surprised at values offered. We tried to break our previous record in selling power, and we succeeded away beyond our highest expectations. Of course these things don't interest you and we only mention them to show you the magnetic influence these splendid values exerted over the buying public.

Pots, Dishes and Pans are the commodities which are represented in this greatest of all sales, and

25 CENTS — Is the General Price

A SWEEPING REDUCTION IN

BRAID ORNAMENTS

This lot consists of Black and Colors, and have regularly sold for 10c, 25c and 29c each. Closing price is.....10c Each

Also a lot of Colored and Black Guimps, some of these sold for 10c yard. At..... 1c Yard

A SALE OF FINE TOILET SOAP

$2.00 WORTH OF GREEN STAMPS WITH EVERY 30c WORTH

"Rose De Louisianne," a fine, pure, rose-perfumed soap; a soap that has sold for 10c cake until quite recently. For a special leader we have marked it .....5c Cake

$2.00 worth of Green Stamps with every 6 cakes.

$2.00 WORTH OF GREEN STAMPS WITH EVERY 30c WORTH

A NOTEWORTHY CORSET VALUE

At 49c Pair

Would you buy a $1.00 corset for 49c a pair? If so, right here is your opportunity. Good styles; non-rusting steels; perfect fitting. Several styles to choose from. The above sums up the details of a rare corset deal. Every corset was made to sell for $1.00 per pair. However, we bought them very cheap, and our price will be.....49c per Pair

SPLENDID SHOWING OF

NEW BELTS

ad assortment of twenty- This season we are showing a bro five and fifty cent belts. Fully 25 styles of the former, a score of the latter.

The new Crushed Silk, the new Crushed Leather, Plaited Belts with Gilt Trimmings, Gilt Belts, Girdle Belts, Bead Belts, Steel Trimmed Belts, Shirred Belts, and nearly every other wantable style shown this season.

The prices are.....25c and 50c

TWO SPECIALS IN THE

SHOE DEPARTMENT

We want you to see these two leaders, for leaders they are in every sense of the word.

WOMEN'S DONGOLA KID BOOTS, $1.19 PAIR—Heavy soles, mannish lasts, patent tips; a dollar and a half value.

WOMEN'S DONGOLA JULIETTES, 75c PAIR—Hospital or house shoes, very easy and comfortable; a dollar value.

A "BRAN NU" RUBBER FOR WOMEN, 60c PAIR—Copper bottom. "Wearalot" Storm Rubbers, a rubber built for service and durability. Ask to see them.

SOFA PILLOW SLIPS

Ready for the Pillow, 25c

Fancy Roman Stripe material; very attractive and not easily soiled.

GREEN'S VEGE-TOL PREPARATIONS

"Hair Food," "Hair Restorer," "Hair Remover," "Shampoo Lotion," and "Skin Food".....25c and 50c Bottle

Demonstration front of Main Entrance.

CLEARANCE SALE WOMEN'S SUITS

$5.00 and $10.00

Here's a chance for the thrifty, an opportunity as great as it is rare. They are last summer's styles 'tis true, but same materials are being used this season, namely Voiles, Cheviots, Venetians and Granite Cloths. The styles are same, as well: Etons, One-half Fitted Jackets, Belted Blouse, etc. We must have room for the new things as they come in, so the knife has been freely used in paring down the prices. Consequently

FOR $5

You get Suits that formerly sold for $10, $15 and $17.50.

FOR $10

You get Suits that formerly sold for $20, $25 and $27.50.

A few more left of Women's Coats at $5.00; formerly sold for $10, $15 and $20.

LAST CALL TRIMMED HATS

98 Cents

We have taken Hats that formerly sold for $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 and marked them 98 CENTS. They must be sold and the above price will surely do it.

SIX ITEMS OF GENUINE WORTH

In the Basement Section

MERCERIZED GINGHAMS, 12½c YARD—Plain colors and stripes. You'll pay 19c or 25c and believe you were getting your money's worth.

PERCALES, 10c YARD—The best quality, dark and light colors, 12½c value.

WHITE DRESS MUSLINS, 10c YARD—These are short lengths of the regular 15c goods.

SASH CURTAINS, 25c PAIR—All ready to hang.

BROWN COTTON, 6½c YARD—40 in. wide, very good quality, considering the high cost of material, 8½c value.

BLEACHED SHEETS, 37c—Worth 50c, full size, deep hem.

K STANDS FOR KISSES

Dainty and Sweet

Have you had one? We are giving them away at our candy demonstration. New England's lightning demonstrator is in attendance.

Read over this list of flavorings and see if they don't make your mouth water.

Wintergreen, Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Peppermint, Bananna, Clove, Pineapple, Molasses, Sassafras, Lime. In 5c, 10c and 20c Packages.

A NEW WASH FABRIC

Voile Sextette

The quaint title represents six different weaves of Fancy Voiles, highly mercerized. It is a successful duplication of a costly imported fabric and brings within reach of all the opportunity to be well dressed at a very small outlay. The price, 29c YARD

LACE CURTAINS MARKED DOWN

Odd Lots to Close

98c grades	69c
$1.49 grades	98c
$1.98 and $2.49 grades	$1.49

SPECIAL SALE . . .

WHITE TAMBOUR EMBROIDERY WORK

Table Covers, Pillow Shams, Bureau Scarfs and Doilies; over 100 dozen in the lot.

They are a bargain. Note the prices they are selling for and their actual worth.

Covers, Shams and Scarfs, worth 50c, at	25c
Covers, Shams and Scarfs, worth 75c and $1.00, at	49c
Doilies, worth 10c, at	5c
Doilies, worth 15c, at	10c

AN EXCELLENT VALUE

MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS

39c Each

Worth half a dollar; good cotton with fancy fronts, good full sizes. Thirty-nine cents for a few days only.

DOUBLE DARK BLUE TRADING STAMPS

Special for Tomorrow, Saturday

100 Stamps with 1 lb. Baking Powder

80 Stamps with 1 lb. 60c Tea

60 Stamps with 1 lb. 50c Tea

20 Stamps with 1 lb. of 25c, 30c or 35c Coffee

Double Dark Blue Stamps on Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Etc.

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590**

A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

The sworn daily average circulation for the month of January, 1904, was: **15,432**

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Senator Hoar's action in voting for a treaty supporting the course of the president which he so strongly condemned recalls one of Franklin's sayings in his "Poor Richard" where he represents a man complaining of hard times and general extravagance, the people nodding approval and then as soon as the auction opened proceeding to practise the contrary.

That was a very vigorous kick which the people of Chelmsford made to the railroad commission when appealing for better car service. They have met with such success that we surmise the people of some other lines will take a day off to see the railroad commission. The company, however, proved that it is endeavoring to improve the service at all points.

'TWAS DUNCAN WHO DID IT.

We are reminded that Superintendent Whitcomb having been out of town at an educational gathering, he could not have rung the no-school bell on Wednesday. In his absence Chairman Duncan of the school board attends to that duty. The blame then falls upon the shoulders of Duncan. He has made himself popular with the children who wanted a day to go coasting but mightily unpopular with the parents.

JAPAN AND HER RELIGIONS.

The events of the present war have led the people of this country to look more closely into the habits, customs and modes of life of eastern nations, especially Japan. Of late the Japanese have been regarded as very progressive people and that they are capable of great development in various lines of effort is beyond question. Their skill and tact in naval warfare proves that they may develop into a powerful nation unless checked by other nations more powerful.

What is of interest to the western world at the present time is the religion or religions rather of Japan. In this respect Japan is strangely wedded to religious systems that while inculcating certains lines of morality are largely idolatrous. They are Buddhism, Shintoism and Confucianism.

Buddhism has existed in Japan since 534 A. D. It is less popular than Shintoism, and asserts that salvation consists in sinking one's separate identity and becoming one with the deity, Hotoke. The adherents of this faith believe in practising virtue as they see it; but in their eyes virtue has a different meaning from what it implies in the Christian religion. To the Buddhists the practice of virtue is supposed to bring a condition of perpetual rest and freedom from the torments of everlasting punishment. Shintoism, according to a missionary who has served many years in Japan, is a mixture of nature and ancestral worship. It has no unfulfilled social idea, no ambition, no missionary motive, no teaching tending to produce personal or social progress. It recognizes no other people and furnishes no standard for their treatment. Shintoism has no doctrine of a future life of blessedness. They feel themselves constantly under the protection of their gods and are wholly without any moral code. Confucianism, the other religion, is largely based upon the obedience of inferior to superior and scorns industrialism and commercialism, two of the principles upon which Japan's progress depends. It is plain, therefore, that none of these religions will permit of the free advancement to which Japan seems to be reaching at the present time. The result of the present war will shake up these semi-barbarous religions and may bring Japan eventually into the category of Christian nations.

FREE TEXT BOOKS AND MEMORY WORK.

There is one disadvantage arising from the use of free text books in the schools.

The books remain in the schoolrooms and as a result neither the pupils nor any other member of the family can peruse them at home.

Just at present there is great interest in the geography of the east and everybody wants to know the whereabouts of Harbin, Vladivostok, Port Arthur, Shan Tung, Cheefoo, Nagasaki, Chemulpo, Song Chin, Wonson, Tientsen, Yalu river, Gulf of Pechili, Wei Hai Wei, Dalny, Mukden, Seoul and many other places within the war zone of the far east.

Our educators seem to think it is best for the pupils not to bother with books at home.

This is one cause why the memory is not developed as it should be. It explains, also, the bad spelling, the ignorance of historical dates and the inability to quote authors so noticeable in later years.

The memory is very important. To horde up knowledge with a defective memory is like trying to fill a leaky vessel with water. The training of the memory is a training that will serve many a good purpose through life. It involves system, order attention, and repetition.

Without a well developed memory a man can seldom succeed in any business. The man who would practice public speaking must first train his memory so that he can commit his speeches and save the necessity of following his manuscript.

But what has all this to do with the fact that pupils are not allowed to take their school books to their homes? Simply this, that memory work is never done right in school. There are too many interruptions and as the pupils are not allowed to take their books to their homes the work of cultivating the memory is therefore neglected.

The demand for maps of the seat of war has directed attention to this fact as even those who studied the geography of the belligerent powers know but little of it now, having forgotten nearly all they learned of it in school. The reason is, that they did not learn their geography as thoroughly as they should have done. What is true of geography in this respect is also true of other subjects. There is a deplorable lack of thoroughness.

TRIBUTE TO WHISTLER.

The people of Lowell, especially the lovers of art, should be particularly interested in the exhibition of Whistler's master pieces now open in Boston. The Boston Herald referring to the exhibition, pays a great tribute to Whistler as an artist. The following taken from the Herald's tribute sheds a lurid light upon the character of Whistler's work and will aid in a true appreciation of the works now exhibited:

"Whistler's art is distinguished by exquisite refinement, by the most delicately balanced adjustments of values, a wonderful graciousness and purity that tended to expression in qualities of inherent beauty which developed the finest possibilities resident in the suggestions of a given subject. Technically Whistler's mastery was complete. He achieved his results with the greatest directness and the most absolute confidence. His command of expression was perfect; he always said clearly and precisely exactly what he wished to say. He never abused this gift; his fluency never led him to what in his art is the equivalent of wordiness, but practised a fine restraint whereby he expressed the sententiousness of a poet manifest in the clearest verse simply what his trained imagination prompted him to express, and no more. One of the greatest of Whistler's services was as a pioneer in the exploitation of the wonderful resources of art of the far east as developed by the Japanese and the Chinese. Whistler fused the art of the Orient with that of the Occident, developing new forms and modes of expression informed with the qualities of both, and manifesting a new sense of universality in art that before him had never been suspected."

SEEN AND HEARD

The common council is more amusing than a stage comedy.

Strawberries are in the market, at 60 cents per box, and the boxes are not very large.

This winter has silenced the oldest inhabitant and he no longer sings the old songs.

The boy who can slide the greatest distance on the iced sidewalk is the hero of the hour.

Persons who live on the top floors of high buildings should not take their medicine by drops.

Bowling has a pretty good hold in Lowell, but it has no such hold here as it has in Boston, where several big leagues are doing battle for championships.

A local doctor, who for obvious reasons asks not to have his name mentioned, says that a generous percentage of the women who pay doctors' bills only imagine they are sick.

Notwithstanding the prevalent talk for Japan, many supporters of Russia are to be found. It's a queer controversy that induces the American people to hold an unanimity of opinion.

Do you harken to the birds in the early morning? They sing a merry roundelay despite the winter's chill, and in their song you can get a whiff of spring.

The fight is still on for delegate to the republican national convention, with the cohorts of Walsh and Dunbar striving for mastery. The convention to select the delegate meets in April, and it promises to be lively and vociferous.

Every time a woman hands her husband a pair of stockings with holes in the toes he soothes his wounded feelings with the thought that he has a letter in his pocket that she gave him to mail a week or two previous.

Dracut is in the throes of its annual spring dose of politics, and the candidates are making a great hustle. From its earliest settlement Dracut has been a political hot-bed and many of its sons have risen to even national fame. The soil of that old town seems to be permeated with politics.

The 15th annual meet of the school athletes of New England, which will be held in Boston, March 19th, is creating interest among our young men. The event is always notable in school circles, for it is the biggest of its kind, and the coming meet promises to surpass all former efforts. The events will be open to members of all schools in New England, but each competitor must be under 21 years of age. So far as known Lowell will have no participants in the events, but several of our young men and women will be present as spectators.

The reports come from all over New England that the snowstorms are found to be expensive. In the small city of everly, for example, $6000 has been expended in removing the "beautiful" from the streets and $3500 more has been appropriated for that purpose. The expense to Lowell taxpayers will foot up over $25,000. Snow is certainly a luxury that we cannot afford the year 'round.

At a sale of furniture at a private house at Richmond, says the London Weekly Post, a very antique oak table, once the property of John Bunyan, was one of the lots. It was described as follows on the auctioneer's catalogue: "A very antique oak table, with history proving same to have been the property of John Bunyan, on which he wrote 'The Pilgrim's Progress.'" The first bid was a shilling, but as no one went beyond two shillings, the table was withdrawn.

The city marshal of Lawrence, the genial "Dixie" O'Sullivan, is under fire. Last year 15 new policemen were added to his force by the powers above him, and the taxpayers are howling loud and long. "Clean out the deadwood," says Marshal O'Sullivan, "there is a heap of it in the department, and a physical examination will prove it."

So the doctors were ordered to examine "the finest," but the latter, who were never before known to refuse anything, surprised everybody by refusing to let the doctors touch them. Then the aldermen took a hand in the game, and after they revoked the order to examine the cops, they lambasted the marshal and ordered him to name the deadwood. It is alleged that Marshal O'Sullivan is too easy with his men; that some of the latter are constantly under the influence of liquor, and that the liquor laws are indefferently enforced. Poor Lawrence, will she ever have a police force to suit her?

ELOQUENT EGG.

When a candidate's endeavoring to elucidate his views,
In nicely chosen language, such as classic authors use,
Make no attempt to hear him while your interest he begs
But meet his specious pleadings with some nicely ripened eggs.
Eggs! Eggs! Cabbages and eggs!
There's no argument so strong as an egg laid overcast;
You can smother any rhetoric in which a speaker begs
With some long-neglected, age-affected, well directed eggs.
A socialist is powerless against the splashing yolk;
No democrat was ever born who recognized the joke;
The staunchest of republicans is forced to use his legs
When you decorate his clothing with a paste of broken eggs.
Eggs! Eggs! Cabbages and eggs!
If he's had 'em once before he will never ask for more,
Oh, anoint him well and carefully on the face and arms and legs
With scent-bequeathing, incense wreathing, perfume breathing eggs.

TWO WASHINGTONS.

A stranger called at the Old Washington Tavern a few days ago and asked to see the room in which Washington had slept. The genial and very accommodating clerk said: "Follow me." The stranger was taken up stairs and shown a sumptuously furnished room. "Too bad," he said, "that the room should have been remodeled. I understood that the furniture, pictures and even the paper on the wall were the same as when Washington occupied the room."

"The very same," replied the clerk. "We haven't had time to make any changes and in fact we don't care to."

"Do you mean to tell me that nothing has been changed in this room since Washington slept here?"

"The very same sir."

"Why there is a picture of the late President McKinley hanging there," said the stranger, rather impatiently.

"It seems to me," said the clerk, "that the Washington you mean and the Washington I mean are two different persons. I mean John G. Washington of New York who occupied this room last night."

"Humph," grunted the stranger as he left the room and marched down stairs to the hotel office. A great big call was coming to the clerk, but before handing out the call the stranger looked at the register book and, sure enough, on the page of the day before was registered the name, "John G. Washington."

BOSTON DOG SHOW

Keen Competition for Special Prizes

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The 20th annual bench show of the New England Kennel club closed last night with a large number of keen competitions for special prizes.

The morning judging completed the regular classes of the show and with fifty special classes for the balance of the day the judges had hard work clearing the program at the afternoon an evening sessions. The feature of the day was the taking of the championship challenge cup offered by the Ladies' Kennel association of America by Mrs. George H. Thomas of Magnolia with Champion Wilbur Force an old English sheep dog.

Dwight Moore, of New York, won the prize for the best Boston terrier with Boylston Reina. The Officers Puppy Bowl, another of the important special prizes, went to Mrs. E. H. Seagrave of Wakefield, with her cocker spaniel Lakeview Model. Mrs. Seagrave also won the puppy sweepstakes with the same dog.

In the English toy terriers the Ashton Kennels of Southampton, N. Y., won three firsts. In the bull terriers F. F. Dole of New Haven, Conn., took seven firsts, mostly with Edgeworth's Marguerite of Navava. There were 31 classes of French bull dogs and the Nellcote Kennels, of Riverdale, N. Y., won nearly everything, their best dog being Nellcote Poupoule. Yesterday's attendance was the largest in the history of the local bench show.

GREAT PARADE

IN HONOR OF RATIFICATION OF PANAMA TREATY.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 26.—The ratification of the Panama treaty was celebrated here last night by a demonstration including a parade fully a mile long. Business men marched through the streets with torches, colored lights and transparencies. One float represented Uncle Sam waving a copy of the treaty over his head and another represented President Roosevelt in the act of signing the document. Banners with inscriptions "The South has been recognized," and similar legends were scattered along the line.

ADMIRAL CONVERSE

TO SUCCEED REAR ADMIRAL O'NEIL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The president has selected Rear Admiral George A. Converse chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy department to succeed Rear Admiral Charles O'Neil, as chief of the bureau of ordnance, when the latter retires at an early date, and Captain Henry N. Manney, to succeed Rear Admiral Converse in the bureau of equipment.

SLEIGHING PARTY.

A jolly sleighing party of young people started from in front of one of the Coffee houses on Market street, early last evening, with its destination for Mercier's well known resort near Lakeview. A bountiful collation was provided by Mr. Mercier, followed by vocal and instrumental music and dancing. The affair was in charge of John J. Shea as general manager and John Croston performed the delicate function of floor director for the terpsichorean diversion.

SENATOR QUAY MUCH IMPROVED.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 25—Inquiry made last night as to the condition of Senator M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania, who was reported ill at St. Lucie, Fla., brought the response that the senator's health has been much improved since coming to Florida.

PUTNAM & SON CO.

166 Central Street

Five Rousing Bargains in Neglige Shirts

Lot No. 1. Fine Negligees.

We have just received from one of the best manufacturers in America, who supplies us with all of our fine negligees, 40 dozens of as handsome shirts as you could wish to see.

These shirts are practically custom-made, of fine woven madras in splendid patterns.

To this lot we have added all of our own expensive negligees that sold for $2 and $1.50. The collection embraces neat, dark effects—plain white, and light grounds with small figures. There are separate cuffs with each shirt; sizes are 14 to 18. The price now on these $2 and $1.50 shirts is - - - **75c**

Lot No. 2. 50 Dozens of the New Spring Negligees

in the most attractive styles we have ever shown, of woven madras, woven cheviot, handsome Garner percales and white madras. These shirts are nicely made, with double stitched flat seams, cushioned neck bands, extra wide bodies and 36 inches in length. Separate cuffs. The best shirt ever offered for **50c**

Lot No. 3. 30 Dozens of Men's Spring Patterns, Neglige Shirts

Woven and printed madras in light and dark grounds, small figures and stripes, every shirt cut a full yard long, neatly made with flat seams and gussets, good, wide bodies, separate cuffs with each shirt, sizes 14 1-2 to 17. We offer these **35c**

3 Shirts for $1.00

Lot No. 4. 20 Dozens of Men's Neglige Shirts

sizes 15 to 17 only—on account of the broken range of sizes we offer these at exactly half price. Cut 36 inches long, with wide bodies and flat seams. All light grounds, separate cuffs—they are worth 50c. This lot marked **25c**

Lot No. 5. 50 Dozens of Boys' Neglige and Laundered Bosom Shirts

sizes 12 to 14. All handsome and attractive spring patterns, made in the same thorough way as the men's shirts, and of good, generous sizes. Two collars and a pair of separate cuffs with the neglige shirts, and a pair of separate cuffs with the laundered bosoms. You will never match these for 50 cents. While the lot lasts our price is **35c**

3 Shirts for $1.00

CHILDREN'S DAY AT CASTO.

Tomorrow is children's day at the Casto theatre, and the current bill is one that will appeal especially to the school children. The Eight English Girls in their novel and attractive act will prove a hit with the young folks. The girls are all pretty, and are excellent singers, clever dancers and graceful acrobats. Their act is a novelty and one which for the past two years has been the sensation of London. Fannie and Claude Usher, "just kids," present their slang classic entitled "Tough Love," and it contains many comedy lines and also a pathetic side which is touching. The remainder of the program is made up of comedy acts and all are excellent. Green trading stamps are given free with orchestra tickets. Pursuant to Manager Haynes' usual custom the Casto will close on Saturday evening, Feb. 27th, and remain closed during Lent. An all star program has been arranged for the opening of the Spring season which takes place on Monday matinee, April 4th.

MAY GO TO PANAMA.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Feb. 26.—Col. J. W. Duncan, commander at Fort Leavenworth, issued an order yesterday for the Sixth infantry soldiers to be fitted for field service. Each company is ordered to be ready for a campaign on short notice. Col. Duncan stated that the order was intended to bring about a greater state of efficiency in the regiment. Other officers are of the opinion that the order means service in Panama.

GENERAL RATE WAR.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 26—The Express today prints an interview with a traffic official of one of the trunk lines in which he predicts that the grain rate war now in progress between Buffalo-New York lines and the Pennsylvania will become a general rate war within six weeks.

Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday — 2 Instead of 1 — Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday

2 for 1

New Idea Shoe Co.

121 MERRIMACK STREET

Double Green or Blue Trading Stamps Saturday

We Are Also Closing Out Our Rubber Goods Below Cost

THINK OF IT

Over 200 Cases Ladies' 50c Storm Cut or Croquet Rubbers in all widths and good wide toes. We can fit any shoe. All sizes, 2 1-2 to 8 - - - - - - - - - Sale Price **29c pr**

Misses' Storm or Low Cut Rubbers, all sizes. Sale Price **25c pr**

Men's $2.50 and $3.00 Heavy Box Calf Leather Lined or Duck Lined Shoes (Goodyear Welt) Every Pair Warranted. Sale Price **$1.98 pr**

Men's Storm Cut or Self Acting Rubbers, All Sizes and up to date Toes. Sale Price - - **29c pr**

Ladies' $1.50 Heavy Sole, Solid Leather, pat. tip Shoes Sale Price **98c pr**

Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday — 2 Instead of 1 — Double Green or Blue Stamps Saturday

CHILDREN'S DAY

Seven Small Boys Before Judge Hadley

TWO OF THEM HAD COURT RECORDS

They Stole Coal and Milk Bottles

"If your mother sends you out to the railroad tracks to steal coal, disobey her. That's all there is to it," said Judge Hadley decidedly to two small boys this morning when they pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing coal from the freight cars on the railroad tracks near the six arch bridge.

The boys were brothers, Arthur and Joseph McHugh, and it seems they have been making frequent visits to the tracks for the home coal supply. The oldest was not over 12 years of age and the court after giving them a sound lecture on the evil of their ways, placed them in charge of the probation officer.

It was juvenile day in court and nearly all of Judge Hadley's time was taken up with cases in which the defendants were all very small boys, much to the court's regret, for of all offenders who come before him Judge Hadley is most affected at the sight of children, for a life's experience in court has taught him that those who begin young to appear before the court in many cases will be found there again in later life.

Agent Carlton, the state agent who looks after the interests of children brought into court, and Mr. Stewart of the Lowell Boys' club, which has been doing much good work for the street gamins, were in attendance as were the weeping mothers of some of the boys.

James O'Hara, Thomas Niland, Joseph Joseph, Robert H. Jones and William Gumlich were in for larceny of milk bottles, the property of David C. Donaldson on Washington's birthday. The boys followed a milk wagon which contained the bottles and when the driver was in a store they stole 11 empty bottles, which they afterwards sold for 10 cents apiece. O'Hara is the oldest of the quintet, 12 years of age, and yet it was his third appearance, the youngsters having been in for breaking and entering, and stealing coal previously. Niland was in for the second time, now being on probation, while it was also Joseph's second offence. The other two boys who are only nine years of age were in as the result of keeping bad company. Judge Hadley demanded of the mothers of the boys if they ever taught their children if it was wrong to steal, and they replied that they had and that their boys were all right when at home but went bad when they got out with the other boys.

Judge Hadley then called Niland and O'Hara before him and told them that if they ever appeared before him again he would send them to the Lyman school. All weepingly promised to reform and the court fined the three who had been in before $3 each and the two smaller boys $2 each.

Before the juvenile session two drunks were disposed of. Catherine McVey was in for the third time and the court sent her to the workhouse for three months.

Joseph Caderette asked for a continuance of the liquor case against him for one week and it was allowed.

DUNBAR MEETING

Held by Swedes of Ward Nine

The Swedish republicans of ward nine which form quite a power in that ward held a well attended rally in the rooms of the Swedish Athletic club, last evening, in the interest of Frank E. Dunbar, candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. The members and their friends turned out in force and they accorded a royal reception to the candidate.

Among the prominent ward nine residents present were: Peter Nelson, Erick Widlin, Carl F. Pihl, Frank Lundburg, Gustaf Johnson, Gustaf Anderson, Bernard Lindquist, Olaf Barnston, John Miller, John Baxter, John Cavanaugh, William Wallace Logan, Gustaf Rubin, Anders Gustafson, Hermann Frepd, Carl Gustafson, Isadore Pearson, Swanter Pearson, A. K. Brander, John Pearson, Nels Anderson, Samuel Anderson and others.

The speakers were Frank E. Dunbar, Col. A. M. Chadwick, Edmund B. Conant, William A. Thatcher, Robert F. Marden, Victor Pihl and Gustaf Knutson.

Mr. Knutson called to order and after brief remarks as to the purpose of the meeting, introduced the ward nine favorite, Col. A. M. Chadwick, who traced Mr. Dunbar's life as a successful young business man and recounted Mr. Dunbar's services to the party. "There is no question as to what choice to make," said the colonel "Mr. Dunbar deserves your support. He is the man who can best represent the republican interests of Lowell in such a great gathering."

Robert F. Marden, son of the redoubtable George A. Marden of many a national political fight, made his debut in national politics by a strong speech in behalf of Mr. Dunbar's candidacy. He doubted if any other candidate could represent the district more faithfully, "and," he said, "if you gentlemen will stand by us you will do the city of Lowell, the district and yourself, a great honor by choosing Mr. Dunbar to represent you."

Victor Pihl gave the assurance that Mr. Dunbar could be depended upon to be with Roosevelt and said of Mr. Dunbar: "The more you see of him, the more you hear of him, the more you will like him."

Ed. B. Conant made one of his breezy speeches in which he said that because Mr. Dunbar's opponent had held complimentary positions for 16 years it was no reason that he should continue to hold them forever. Mr. Dunbar is a man typical and representative of the district, and one who will make known that there is such a place on the map as this congressional district. Do something of which you will be proud bye and bye, by not only going to the caucus and voting for Mr. Dunbar, but by urging your friends to do so also."

William A. Thatcher predicted that Mr. Dunbar would carry ward nine by a vote of two to one.

Mr. Dunbar was greeted with applause as he arose to speak. He said that he was proud to receive the endorsement of the Swedish people, a race which it noted for its industry, sobriety and thrift. He told of his visit to Sweden last summer and of the very courteous treatment that was accorded him there.

Speaking of the campaign he said that after being thoroughly satisfied that Gov. Allen would not be a candidate he decided to seek the honor, and was in and out in favor of Theodore Roosevelt for the presidential nomination. Some time later Mr. Walsh announced his candidacy, and the "disturbance in your political repose is through no fault of mine." He stated that he would prize it a great honor to attend that convention and to follow in the lists of the great men wh have represented this district.

BILLERICA.

With the annual town meeting near at hand politics is beginning to boom in the town and they are discussed at every store and place where groups of men congregate. There is expected to be a lively time at the town meeting next month and there is much conjecture as to who the lucky ones will be on the 28th of the month. There are four candidates for the offices of selectmen, but it is expected that this number will be swelled to five or six before town meeting day.

Last year there were three tickets in the field and the rivalry was intense, while this year it is understood that the excitement is just as intense and that there will be something doing at the polls. The present board of selectmen, Messrs. Kohlrausch, Perry and Richardson, are up for re-election as is Albert Jones, former tax collector. The friends of former Selectman Josiah Wright are urging him to run for office, but as yet that gentleman has not signified his intention of having his name on the ballot.

The contest for road surveyor this year will be a spirited one, the candidates being Edward Spaulding and Edgar F. Trombley. Mr. Spaulding, the present incumbent, has held the office for three years and while he has always received a large vote when elected before it is thought by many that he will have to do a little canvassing this year as his opponent is very popular and bids fair to give Mr. Spaulding a hard battle at the polls.

Everett W. Livingston, police officer at the Centre, will run for constable again this year. George Crosby, who was appointed constable when E. B. Haskell resigned recently will also be a candidate and as Chief of Police Martin Conway seems practically sure of election, the contest for the second constable will be between the first two named.

There will be no opposition to Herbert A. King for town clerk and treasurer and at present Tax Collector Victor I. Hosmer seems to have a clear field for the office.

The high wind of yesterday caused a number of drifts in the town highways and as a result the electric cars made very poor progress, none of the cars being on schedule time. It was 9 o'clock before the first Boston car arrived at the Centre and the drifts resulted in a general tie-up of the Lynn line. The Boston & Northern railroad had several gangs of men at work between the Centre and Lowell keeping the rails cleared. Highway Surveyor Spaulding also had an extra gang of men at work yesterday clearing the roads.

John W. Broadbent, who was seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia the past two weeks, is convalescing.

Double Dark Blue Stamps Saturday

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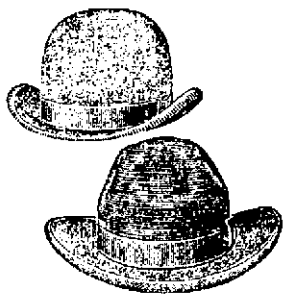

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36 PAIRS OF LADIES' $1.50 LACE SHOES, SIZES 3 TO 7.

One Dollar a Pair

See Them in Our Windows.

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Misses' Rubbers	17c	Men's Rubbers	48c
Ladies' Low Rubbers	21c	Boys' Shoes	69c
Ladies' Storm Rubbers	39c	Men's Shoes	98c
Ladies' House Slippers	45c	Men's House Slippers	43c

STAMPS ? Certainly—all colors

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LAST CALL ON Winter Millinery

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

We shall offer our entire stock of

TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED HATS

at a fraction of their cost to make room for Spring Goods.

TRIMMED HATS FOR 69c, 98c, $1.98 AND $2.49
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Don't miss this sale.

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MONEY SAVERS

In Every Line

Men's $2.00 Shoes	$1.49
Men's $3.00 Rubber Boots	$2.50
Men's 75c Rubbers	49c
Ladies' $2.00 Shoes	$1.49
Ladies' 50c Rubbers (odd sizes)	25c
Ladies' $1.00 House Slippers	29c
Misses' 50c Rubbers	25c

2 for 1, Dark Blue and Red, White and Blue Trading Stamps.

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Lowell, Friday, February 26, 1904

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AT LESS THAN HALF

Our Usual Feb. Sale Begins Today

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Of this season's manufacture. The entire accumulation of remnants from our silk mills.

WASH TAFFETAS, PEAU DE SOIE, PEAU DE CYGNE, LOUISENE, CREPE PRINCESS, PONGEES, ETC., in white, cream, pink, blue, nile green, lavender, tan, grey and a good assortment of dark colors.

Regular Price $1 a Yard

We have carefully matched these silks, put them up in dress and waist lengths and offer them for sale today at only

49c a Yard

If you come early you'll find quite a good assortment of pretty fancies and lining silks that we've put in at the same price.

PALMER STREET—LEFT AISLE.

THESE ELABORATE PRICE CUTTINGS ARE NOTICEABLE IN THE LADIES' READY-FOR-WEAR SECTION: WITH SIX WEEKS AND MORE OF WINTERISH WEATHER AHEAD OF US THE GREAT VALUES SHOULD BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.

Ladies' Tailor Made and Walking Suits

5 Suits at only $5.00 each, were $10.00, $12.50, $17.00 and $18.50.
12 Suits at only $10.00 each, were from $23.50 to $32.50.
4 Suits at only $12.50 each, were $35.00, $37.50 and $39.00.

Wrappers and House Dresses

28 Flannelette Wrappers only 98c each, were $1.49.
86 Percale Wrappers only 69c each, were 98c.
30 Percale Wrappers only 93c each, were $1.49.
14 Percale Wrappers only $1.29 each, were $1.75.
13 Percale Wrappers only $1.29 each, were $1.98.
14 House Dresses only 98c each, were $1.50.
13 House Dresses only $1.29 each, were $1.98.

Dress Skirts

1 Skirt, $3.95, reduced from $6.75.
1 Skirt, $3.95, reduced from $7.75.
1 Skirt, $3.95, reduced from $11.00.
2 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $5.49.
1 Skirt, $4.95, reduced from $7.49.
11 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $7.25.
3 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $12.00.
1 Skirt, $4.95, reduced from $12.50.
1 Skirt, $9.95, reduced from $17.00.

Walking Skirts

1 Skirt, $4.95, reduced from $7.49.
5 Skirts, $4.95, reduced from $8.75.
2 Skirts, $5.95, reduced from $7.75.
8 Skirts, $6.95, reduced from $10.00.
3 Skirts, $6.95, reduced from $11.75.
7 Skirts, $8.95, reduced from $11.50.
1 Skirt, $8.95, reduced from $12.50.
4 Skirts, $9.95, reduced from $12.50.
8 Skirts, $9.95, reduced from $15.00.
1 Skirt, $10.95, reduced from $16.50.

Rain Coats

Medium Heavy Weight Oxfords, Tans, Etc.

2 at $7.95 each, were $13.50.
2 at $7.95 each, were $15.75.
1 at $9.95, was $19.50.
1 at $9.95, was $22.50.
1 at $9.95, was $23.50.

Flannelette Kimonas

7 at 29c, were 50c each.
12 at 49c, were 75c each.
8 at 49c, were $1.00 each.

Eider Down Bath Robes

84 at $2.45, were $3.50 and $3.98 each.
9 at $3.45, were $5.00.
10 at $4.45, were $6.50 and $7.50, in Red, Blue and Gray.

Kersey Capes

4 only, at $2.50 each, were $5.00.

Children's Short Coats

Sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12.

5 at $1.49 each, were $3.99.
5 at $1.98 each, were $5.98, sizes 2 to 6.
2 Coats at $3.95, were $9.00.
6 Coats at $2.95, were $5.00.
2 Coats at $1.95, were $3.50.
1 Velvet Coat for $3.95, was $10.00.

Long Flannelette Kimonas

10 at 95c, were $1.75 each.
3 at $1.95, were $3.75 each.

Eider Down Sacques

8 at 45c, were 75c each.
9 at 65c, were 95c each.
1 at 95c, was $1.98.
2 at 95c, were $3.50.
1 at 95c, was $3.95.

SALE BEGINS TODAY. EAST SECTION, SECOND FLOOR

Ladies' Knit Gloves

At Half and a Third Off the Regular Prices.

4800 pairs of Fabric Gloves are offered to you. The balance of a manufacturer's stock of Woolen and Mercerized Gloves, in plain colors and fancies, regular price 50c and 75c a pair, only.....25c PAIR

West Section—North Aisle.

Ladies' Hosiery

Reduced One-Third.

FOR 15c—Black Cotton Hose, with round toe and heel, split sole, were 19c a pair.

FOR 19c—Heavy Fleeced Hose, in fast black and split sole, were 25c a pair.

FOR 19c—Sample Stockings, plain and lace lisle styles, were 25c a pair at first sale.

FOR 12½c—Children's Extra heavy Fleeced Hose, double knee and heel, were 17c a pair.

FOR 19c—Children's Sample Hose, fine and heavy weight, were 25c a pair at first sale.

West Section—Left Aisle.

Linens, Etc.

"Specials."

FOR 6¼c EACH—200 dozen Huck Towels, tri-color border, regular price 10c each.

FOR 12½c EACH—60 dozen All Linen Tray Cloths, regular price 19c.

FOR $1.25 DOZEN—100 dozen Napkins, were $1.50.

FOR $2.50 DOZEN—50 dozen Dinner Napkins, were $3.50.

FOR $2.98 DOZEN—100 dozen Napkins, were $4.00.

FOR $1.98 EACH—75 Pattern Table Cloths, 2½x3 yards long, were $4.00 and $5.00 each.

FOR $1.00 YARD—10 pieces Bleached Damask, extra fine worth, were $1.25 and $1.39.

Palmer Street—Centre Aisle.

Men's Cotton Socks

Every year at this time we offer an early sale of MILL SECONDS of the

"QUAKER HOSE"

For Men and Boys

Extra good quality of Hose, in fast black, fast brown and tans, some very fine and some in the heavier quality and strong, all sizes and worth 15c and 25c a pair at regular values. We put them all in one lot at

9 Cents Pair

3 Pairs 25 Cents

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY IN PALMER STREET AND SALE IN BASEMENT DEPARTMENT.

Another Good Offering

—50 Dozen of—

Men's Black Sateen Shirts

Extra fine quality, fast black, well made throughout with all the latest improvements. Very best sateen shirt that can be made for 50c, but we sell them for only

47c Each

SEE DISPLAY IN PALMER STREET WINDOW. SALE IN BASEMENT.

SUSPENDERS

We have got a good variety of those Suspenders we sell at half price. 25c for the 50c ones, and 15c for the 25c ones.

BASEMENT

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

Rugs, Draperies, Etc.

FOR 98c EACH—100 new Axminster Sample Rugs, 23x63 inches, in all bright, new colorings, worth $1.50 each.

FOR 29c EACH—200 new Ingrain Samples, yard wide, yard and a quarter long, all wool.

FOR 39c YARD—2500 yards new Drapery Silk, remnants, worth 75c and $1.00. New designs, suitable for mantle drapery, piano scarfs or fancy pillow covers.

FOR 12½c YARD—1500 yards new Sash Curtain Muslin, full yard wide, stripes, figures, etc. The 15c and 17c grade.

FOR 98c PAIR—75 pairs new Bobbinet Curtains, with lace edge and insertion, worth $1.25 a pair.

West Section—Gallery.

Tea and Coffee

FOR 70c—A pound of Coffee, one-half pound of Tea, one can Ralston Cocoa, one can Pet Cream.

With every can of our Baking Powder we'll give a dollar's worth of free stamps.

Merrimack Street—Basement.

Waist Sets

FOR 10c—50 Gold Plated Waist Sets, 3-pin style, regular price 25c.

Leighton's Royal Cream

Best for chapped hands, face or lips, inflammed or irritated condition of the skin arising from exposure.

25c for 4 ounce jar.

50c for 8 ounce jar.

Demonstration, West Section, Right Aisle.

WACHTER PLAYED

The "Race Horse" in the Game

TOBY MATTHEWS LEADS THEM ALL

Natick Took a Game From Hudson

Wachter, the "race horse," has come and gone.

With him went a defeat for Haverhill and Connie Driscoll's best laid plans went for nothing.

Wachter played his part well. He was bandaged and padded, he trotted all over the playing space, he lived up to his reputation for roughness and he started the ball rolling for Haverhill by scoring two baskets in almost as many minutes.

Haverhill never fought so hard for victory and Lowell never exerted itself so strenuously to win. So it was a case of giants battling for superiority and the local men came out on top.

Wachter and Horan, the two new men for Haverhill, were presented to the audience by Referee Connors and were given a good reception, but it remained for Toby Matthews to get the glad hand and every chance the crowd had to cheer for Toby they rooted in great style and to their heart's content.

Toby was the big fellow in the game all right and he was entitled to all the credit that the spectators gave him. He was up against Horan and the two played an exceptionally fast game. For two periods they showed how basketball should be played and then Horan retired and Bill Kelliher took his place.

Bill and Matthews were inclined to mix it up a bit, but all was forgiven, as no damage was done. Kane was on hand with the goods, scoring six baskets.

The game was marred by some exceptionally rough house tactics and not a few of these escaped the eagle eye of the referee. Jimmy Harrington was inclined to go out of his way to commit a foul and he was penalized a number of times. Abbott of the local team was also taken to task for hanging on to his man, but several like offences on the part of the visitors were never counted. Bucky Low played in his usual style and really put up a grand exhibition. Bucky still keeps up his reputation as one of the fastest in the league. His great floor work last night was a feature of the game. Getzinger was pitted against the race horse Wachter and the two were at it from the start of the game until the whistle blew for the finish. Haverhill started in to do things right away and before the Lowell players struck their gait the visitors had four points to their credit. Then Lowell managed to locate the basket, the score being credited to Matthews, and with this opening the local team went right at it and played the game in a way that will always win. When the period ended Lowell had the lead and after that were never headed. The last period was easy for the locals and they shot all kinds of baskets.

LOWELL—34	24—HAVERHILL
Kane lf	rb Doyle
Mathews rf	lb Horan, Kelliher
Getzinger c	c Wachter
Tigue lb	rf Low
Abbott rb	lf Harrington

FIRST PERIOD.

Goal, Haverhill, Wachter ... 2—0
Goal, Haverhill, Wachter ... 4—0
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 4—2
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle ... 6—2
Goal, Lowell, Kane ... 6—4
Goal, Lowell, Abbott ... 6—6
Third foul, Haverhill, Harrington ... 6—7
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 9—9
Goal, Lowell, Kane ... 9—11
Goal, Lowell, Kane ... 9—13
Third foul, Lowell, Abbott ... 7—13
Goal, Haverhill, Horan ... 9—13
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 9—15
Goal, Haverhill, Horan ... 11—15

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Haverhill, Doyle ... 11—16
Third foul, Lowell, Getzinger ... 12—16
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle ... 14—16
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 14—18
Goal, Haverhill, Horan ... 16—18
Third foul, Haverhill, Harrington ... 16—19
Goal, Haverhill, Wachter ... 18—19
Goal, Lowell, Kane ... 18—21
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 18—23
Goal, Lowell, Abbott ... 18—25
Third foul, Lowell, Mathews ... 19—25
Goal, Lowell, Kane ... 19—27
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 19—29

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Haverhill, Low ... 19—30
Goal, Lowell, Kane ... 19—32
Goal, Lowell, Mathews ... 19—34
Third foul, Lowell, Abbott ... 20—31
Goal, Haverhill, Harrington ... 22—34
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle ... 24—34

Score—Lowell 34, Haverhill 24. Goals from floor—Mathews 7, Kane 6, Abbott 2, Wachter 3, Doyle 3, Horan 3, Harrington. Points on fouls—Lowell 4, Haverhill 4. Fouls committed—Mathews 6, Abbott 5, Getzinger 2, Kane, Low 3, Horan, Harrington 4, Doyle 3, Wachter. Referee—Charles Connors of Lowell. Timekeepers—Bucky Halloran for Lowell, Connie Driscoll and Henry Tighe for Haverhill.—Attendance 1000.

NATICK DEFEATED HUDSON.

HUDSON, Feb. 26.—The Naticks defeated the home team here last night in a well-fought contest by a score of 32 to 23. In the first period the score alternated, first one side in the lead and then the other. Just before the end of the first period the Hudsons tied the score, making it 5 to 5, when Bill Sheridan made a third foul, putting the home team in the lead 6 to 5. The second period was also a strenuous one, the Naticks ending the period with the score in their favor 16 to 15. Natick in the third period put in two new men, Hayes taking Punch's place at left back and Joe Lynch relieving Falle at left forward. Hudson had no spare men at command and had to play out the game with the lineup that it started in with. As a result of the change in the visiting team's lineup the score ran up with the result already stated.

Lineup and summary:

HUDSON—23	32—NATICK
Evers lf	rb Martens
Corcoran rf	lb Punch, Hayes
Loos c	c W. Sheridan
Leighton rb	lf Falle, Lynch
Kennedy lb	rf H. Sheridan

Score—Natick 32, Hudson 23. Goals from the floor—Kennedy 4, Punch 5, Leighton 3, W. Sheridan 2, Martens 2, Evers 2, Hayes 2, H. Sheridan. Points on fouls—Natick 5, Hudson 5. Fouls committed—Corcoran 7, Loos 3, Leighton 2, Kennedy 4, Martens, Punch 3, W. Sheridan 3, Falle 3, H. Sheridan 3, Hayes, Lynch. Referee—Michael Godley of Fitchburg. Timekeepers—Hugh Healey for Natick, John Regan for Hudson. Attendance—600.

LOWELL T. S. 14, HAVERHILL H. S. 4.

Lowell textile school team defeated Haverhill high school basketball team 14 to 4 last night after the league game in Huntington hall. Church won the game for Lowell. The summary:

LOWELL T. S.	HAVERHILL H. S.
Church rf	rb Giles
Cutler lf	lb Ross
Donnellan c	c Sprague
Moore lb	lf Barrows
Lucy rb	rf Prescott

Score, Lowell T. S. 14, Haverhill H. S. 4. Goals from floor, Church 5, Sprague 2, Lucy, Donnellan. Referee, H. White. Timer, Halloran. Time, 15m. halves.

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

Famous Physicians Know Value of Blood Wine.

If you take Blood Wine you can be assured you are following the advice of the foremost doctors. Dr. J. K. Hall of 125 W. 45th St., one of the leading physicians and most expert analytical chemists in New York city, says: "When 'Blood Wine' was brought to my attention I was sceptical as to its value in kidney and liver troubles and

was determined to discover what merits it possessed. To this end I analyzed a bottle bought at haphazard from a drug store. The analysis showed 'Blood Wine' contained ingredients physicians prescribe in severe cases of kidney and liver troubles. I do not hesitate to say that 'Blood Wine' is a specific for the diseases mentioned."

"Blood Wine" is not only a magnificent thing for kidney disease, but it cures rheumatism, lung diseases, stomach trouble and all other forms of blood or nerve diseases.

For Constipation ask for our Liver Pills. 100 for 25 cents.

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Chartered as a savings bank under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in 1871, this bank has, for more than thirty years, conducted a conservative but progressive business until it now has assets of more than two millions of dollars, with a surplus of $140,000 over all liabilities.

Deposits are received in all sums from $1.00 to $1000, and interest compounded semi-annually, until deposits, with interest, amount to $1600.

Money deposited begins to draw interest from the first Saturday of February, May, August and November.

Money paid every day excepting during the quarter week of May and November.

Interest payable at any time after the first Saturday of May and November.

Present rate of interest, four per cent.

Deposits are solicited and every possible convenience and accommodation will be afforded to all doing business with the bank.

ON THE ALLEYS

ORIENTS DEFEATED BELMONTS IN CLOSE GAME.

In the tournament of the Lowell Recreation Bowling League the Orients defeated the Belmonts last evening by a score of 1194 to 1192. Kelley of the victorious team was high single and high total man. For the Belmonts, Butterfield was high total man and high single, leading both teams in this respect.

The score:

ORIENTS.

	1	2	3	Total
Kelley	74	86	90	250
Galvin	80	76	79	235
Lyman	80	73	74	233
Kerrigan	77	78	81	236
Blavin	84	73	83	240
Total	395	392	407	1194

BELMONTS.

Snowman	76	77	81	233
McDonald	76	76	74	226
Stearns	78	78	71	231
Butterfield	75	89	94	258
Hall	85	73	90	248
Total	389	393	410	1192

DONOHUE TRIED

CHARGED WITH AIDING REGULATIONS AFFECTING DISCIPLINE.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 26—Lieut. Charles F. Donohue has been tried by court martial at Fort Monroe on the charge of aiding and abetting Lieut J. S. Oakes in committing gross violations of the regulations affecting discipline. The verdict was reached yesterday and the findings will be forwarded to Washington.

Lieut. Oakes will be tried on charges of intoxication and absenting himself without leave from the fort.

ENGINES COLLIDED

PASSENGERS THROWN FROM THEIR SEATS.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 26—Lake Shore limited, while running at the rate of 60 miles an hour yesterday, struck the engine of a freight train which had just started to pull on the main track from a siding six miles west of Port Clinton. Both engines were disabled and the passengers were thrown from their seats but no one was injured.

STRUCK BY CAR

VETERAN OF WAR WAS INJURED FATALLY.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 26—While attempting to cross Main street last night Peter Peterson was struck by an electric car and fatally injured, dying within an hour. Peterson was a veteran of the Civil war and left no family.

BLACKWATER MANOR SOLD.

PARSONS, W. Va., Feb. 26—Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, with a few of his business associates, has purchased the Blackwater manor, which covers 36,000 acres of timber land, containing pine and hemlock. The consideration is stated to be $1,050,000.

JACK BOLAN WON.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 26.—In a six-round bout last night between Jack Bolan of Cincinnati and Coney Cunningham of Cleveland, Bolan won in the third round when Cunningham's seconds threw up the sponge.

LOSS IS $75,000.

BRAINERD, Minn., Feb. 26.—Fire yesterday destroyed a number of business houses in this city. Loss, $75,000.

TURKISH TROPHIES

ALL TURKISH TOBACCO 10 for 10c.

CIGARETTES

Biggest Seller in the World.

FREE New Pictures 25 dainty maids of as many nations, each holding her country's emblem. Full of snap and go, the finest set of pictures we have ever issued—you know what that means. Full set free for 60 Trophies coupons.

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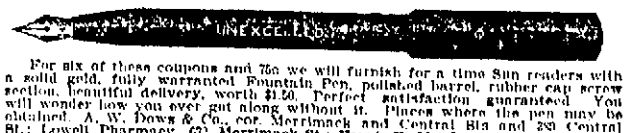

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FIGHT FOR LIFE

Police Officer Attacked by Thugs

OFFICER STRUCK WITH HIS OWN CLUB

Prisoners Were Badly Used Up

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—For more than 20 minutes, last evening, Patrolman Edward Norton of division 10 was engaged in a battle at the corner of Minden park and Tremont streets.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Norton, who patrols Tremont street below Roxbury crossing, was called into a barroom near Prentiss street to eject Michael McCue, to whom the bartender refused to sell any more liquor.

For a while McCue pleaded for a drink, but when he found the saloon people obdurate he started in to clean the place out. Patrolman Norton was notified, and when he entered the barroom McCue willingly accompanied the officer to the street.

He had gone only a short distance, however, when he asked Norton where he was going. Norton told him he was under arrest for drunkenness. McCue immediately began a vigorous fight for liberty. Unknown to the policeman a number of hangers-on in the vicinity had followed them along the street, and when McCue strove to get away they shouted their encouragement to him.

The crowd then closed in on the combatants and somebody reached out from behind and pulled Norton off his feet. He fell to the sidewalk, but clinging to his prisoner he dragged McCue with him.

Encouraged by their success the men, of whom there were a number in the crowd, tried to drag McCue from his grasp. Norton struggled to his feet, and as he did so an unknown man ran behind him, pulled his long stick from the socket in his belt, and struck the officer a crushing blow on the head.

This blow felled the officer to the sidewalk again, however, where he lay across the body of McCue, who had fallen with him. Meanwhile McCue had secured a grip upon his throat, and as Norton lay there half conscious, the unknown man struck him again.

At that moment Bernard T. Magee, the bartender in the saloon, ran to the assistance of the policeman, and succeeded in pulling Edward Kelley, one of the alleged assailants, away from the officer. Kelley put up a stiff fight, and the bartender was kept busy with him.

In the meantime somebody telephoned station 10 that an officer was being killed, and Lieut. Fessenden sent all the available men in the house to the scene under Sergt. O'Neil.

When the wagon arrived Norton had regained his feet, and although bleeding from two severe scalp wounds inflicted by his own club in the hands of the unknown man, had his prisoner beaten into submission.

The crowd scattered upon the arrival of the officers, but Magee clung to Kelley, who continued to struggle until some of the patrolmen took him in hand. Chase was given, but the police were unable to catch the unknown man who wrested the club from Norton.

McCue and Kelley were taken to station 10, where their wounds were dressed by Dr. Dolan. Norton was badly used up, as was also Magee. The officer had two severe scalp wounds, beside a number of cuts and bruises, and his clothing was torn and saturated with blood. Magee had been roughly handled as well, and a stitch was taken in a wound on his head.

McCue and Kelley were hardly recognizable when they were brought into the surgery in the station house to have their injuries dressed. Kelley's face was badly swollen and discolored and one of his eyes was completely closed. McCue had a wound three inches long on the head, and in addition, a number of other cuts and bruises.

After their wounds had been treated, Kelley and McCue were locked up, charged with drunkenness, and it is probable that a warrant will be asked for charging Kelley with assaulting an officer. Kelley lives at 89 Minden street, he says, and McCue at 1058 Columbus avenue.

POTTER WITHDRAWS

HE DROPS THE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL CASE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Frank H. Potter withdrew yesterday his charge that Miss Irene Stewart had wrongfully kept a $1000 bill he handed her on a certain occasion, and walked out of court grinning but looking sheepish.

Emanuel M. Friend, his attorney, let him sign an affidavit, saying that since he lodged the complaint against Miss Stewart a doubt had arisen in his mind as to whether she had kept his $1000 bill with criminal intent. Mr. Friend waved the affidavit before the bench, announced the withdrawal of the complaint on the ground of reasonable doubt and Magistrate Mayo dismissed the case.

Mr. Friend hurried out of court with a bundle which looked like letters. John Hoyer, Miss Stewart's counsel, denied having returned Mr. Potter's letters or any money.

Mr. Potter has had strenuous times since he begun trying to recover his $1000. His wife has sued him for divorce; his partner has had a receiver appointed for their business; he has read his burning love letters in the newspapers, and he has paid heavy counsel fees.

LIBERTY BELL

MAY BE TAKEN TO THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 26—Against the earnest protest of Gov. Pennypacker the Pennsylvania commission to the St. Louis exposition by a vote of 16 to 3 yesterday decided to request the municipal authorities of Philadelphia to adopt such measures as may be necessary to insure the exhibition of the Liberty bell in the Pennsylvania building during the exposition. Gov. Pennypacker took the position that the bell was too sacred a relic to be taken from Independence hall, where it is under constant police guard.

MUST INSPECT VESSELS.

COLON, Feb. 26—U. S. Consul Malmros has issued a notification to the effect that a U. S. medical officer must inspect all vessels sailing from here to the U. S. or its dependencies before the vessel can be granted a bill of health. Surgeon W. Derry of the U. S. marine hospital service has already arrived here and undertaken the required inspections.

$12,500 VERDICT

Guest Alienation Suit Won by Plaintiff

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—In the face of the remarkable testimony given by Mrs. A. Royal Guest, in her effort to defeat her husband's suit in the supreme court against Clarence L. Lowther for $75,000 for the alienation of her affections, the jury yesterday returned a verdict for $12,500 in favor of Mr. Guest, to which the court added 5 per cent. as counsel fees.

Mrs. Guest was not in court when the verdict was ordered. Mr. Guest showed his anxiety when the jury filed in by the haggard lines of his face and the tensely drawn lips. Lowther was plainly nervous, and he twisted his slight mustache continually. He appeared relieved when the amount of the verdict was announced, and Justice Forbes voiced what had been the general expectation that the verdict would be larger when, in denying Attorney Warren's motion for a new trial on the ground of an excessive award, he said:

"I see no ground for a new trial. If the jury believed Guest's story, the full amount for $75,000 asked for in the complaint would not have been excessive, and I think that under all the circumstances the jury has been exceedingly kind and merciful to your client."

The justice granted the defendant 30 days in which to appeal, and, in that event, 60 days extra in which to make a case of exceptions. Mr. Guest and his attorneys expressed themselves satisfied with the result, though, they said, they had expected a larger award.

The jury returned the verdict in two hours and 50 minutes after Justice Forbes charged it in these words:

"The plaintiff and his wife, Helen, were married when they were both about 19 years old, and were enjoying the marital relations, as the plaintiff claims, until she met the defendant. The husband pleads that the defendant entered his home with the settled purpose in his mind to steal away his wife's affections. This wife left her home, leaving her husband and a young child, and the plaintiff saw nothing of her until she appeared on the stand before you.

"The domestic circle has been held so sacred throughout civilization that no man has a right to enter that circle and separate man and wife, and when that does happen the strong arm of the law interposes to protect the husband and punish the guilty. If you believe that Lowther did accomplish the breaking up of this home, then Guest is entitled to a verdict for such damages as you may decide.

"The wife says that the defendant did not alienate her affections; that she lost her love for her husband nearly six years ago, and that she went away of her own accord. If this is true, the defendant is entitled to your verdict.

"A man and his wife may disagree, but the family circle is not to be debauched, even though there is not harmony in the family. Take into consideration the confessed condition of Mrs. Guest and Lowther in Omaha. It is admitted that they lived in the same house, as brother and sister, in two rooms with a connecting door between. The case has been sensational, but the responsibility is now with you to uphold society in some decent form."

MINERS KILLED

As the Result of a Cave-in

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 26.—Five miners were killed by a cave-in of earth in the Minnie Healy mine yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1000 foot level. Early in the day Foreman Joseph Kane was informed that the ground in that place was very soft and in danger of falling. He withdrew all the miners who were working there. In the afternoon Shift Boss Haggerty took four men into the place to bulkhead and otherwise strengthen the weak spots. Just how the fall came will never be known as not one of the five escaped. Only two bodies have been recovered.

POLICY CANCELLED

BECAUSE MAN TOOK PART IN STEEPLE CHASE.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—The supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in which it held that an insurance company had the right to cancel an accident insurance policy held by Harry Smith because the insured was accustomed to participate in steeple chasing.

Mr. Smith is a cotton manufacturer of Grafton and a well known sportsman. Some time ago he took out an accident insurance policy which was later cancelled by the company when its officials learned that the policy holder took part in steeple chasing. The policy was surrendered by a clerk in the employ of Mr. Smith, and the latter subsequently brought suit for its recovery. Failing in the superior court the plaintiff appealed. In yesterday's decision the supreme court found participating in steeple chasing to be "voluntary exposure to unnecessary danger" within the meaning of the plaintiff's policy.

FR. BOUCHARD DEAD.

MONTREAL, Feb. 26—Fr. Bouchard, a well-known Jesuit priest and expert electrician, while repairing some wires at St. Mary's college yesterday received a shock with fatal results.

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ONE WOMAN DEAD

Three Men Were Fatally Burned

BELLAIRE, O., Feb. 26.—One woman is dead and three men fatally burned as a result of a powder explosion south of here yesterday. The Polish miner had a keg of powder in the kitchen and was stooping over it to fill his can preparatory to entering the Empire mine. A drop of burning oil from his miner's lamp fell into the powder and a terrific explosion followed, destroying the house. The miner's wife was killed and the men were blown into the street. None can live. Seven shanties occupied by miners were destroyed in the fire.

MGR. SARAFFIN EXPECTED SOON.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26—Mgr. Saraffin, apostolic visitor to Mexico, recently appointed by Pope Pius, will reach this country within a short time. He will not, as announced by the foreign press, represent the vatican before this government, as Mexico cannot receive in that capacity a diplomatic representative of the vatican. His mission will be entirely ecclesiastical.

MISS CLAYTON ENGAGED.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26—The engagement is announced of Miss Cathleen Clayton, youngest daughter of U. S. Ambassador Powell Clayton, to Arthur Cunningham Grant Duff, charge d'affaires of Great Britain, who has been here some months. Another daughter of the ambassador married Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minister at Washington.

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AN ABLE LECTURE

By Frank P. Putnam on Engraving

BEFORE THE MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Discourse Illustrated by Davis Collection

WORKS OF THE GREAT ETCHERS TREATED

The Lecturer Showed Familiarity With All

Frank P. Putnam of this city appeared before the Middlesex Women's club yesterday afternoon and gave an exceptionally interesting talk on the Art of Engraving. When invited by the club to talk on the subject it was with considerable hesitancy that Mr. Putnam accepted the invitation and those who had the pleasure of hearing his talk yesterday afternoon wondered at the profundity of his knowledge of the subject and his almost personal acquaintance with the great engravers. "It would have been downright mean of Mr. Putnam had he denied us so unusual a treat," said a club member after Mr. Putnam had finished. His talk was illustrated with the splendid collection of prints known as the Davis collection from the city library. The collection consists of about 1400 prints and original drawings and date from the 15th century to the present time. The very best judges have declared that the library trustees purchased the collection for a small fraction of its value.

Mr. Putnam in his opening remarks said: "I feel scarcely competent to talk to you about engraving, as my knowledge of the subject for an amateur is limited, and such only as has been acquired by making a small collection of prints for my own enjoyment.

When, however, your committee asked me to speak to you about the John Davis collection of prints at the city library, it occurred to me that possibly a little talk about these pictures might strengthen the interest of the members of the Women's club in the collection, and, if that were done, it seemed to me assured, that through your influence a broader public interest in the prints would be awakened."

It was modesty pure and simple that prompted Mr. Putnam to incorporate into his opening remarks the statement that his knowledge of the subject was limited. Never perhaps in the history of the club has a speaker manifested a greater or more comprehensive knowledge of his subject than did Mr. Putnam.

Owing to the great length of his discourse it would be next to impossible for a newspaper to do it justice. It would be valuable if published in pamphlet form.

ABSTRACT OF THE LECTURE.

Relative to the collection of prints with which this talk was illustrated, Mr. Putnanam said: "As there seems to be some misunderstanding about this collection, and as to how it was acquired, I will say in explanation that the late John Davis left a legacy to the trustees of the city library without restriction as to its use. Two years ago a fine collection of prints was sold in Boston, where the trustees bought most of these, for a fraction of their value, using a small part of a year's income from the John Davis' legacy for that purpose.

The German, Italian, French, Flemish, Dutch and English schools are fairly represented, and it contains specimens of engraving on wood and metal by most of the various processes employed.

Engraving is not a new invention. Egyptian and Babylonian, Greek and Roman seals and inscriptions furnish thousands of examples of its antiquity. It was the discovery early in the fifteenth century of the process by which impressions from an engraving might be multiplied, that is comparatively new.

Before referring to the pictures I think we should first consider the engraver's problem: On a block of wood or a metal plate he has to cut lines and dots so that in an impression on white paper in printers' ink alone, these lines and dots shall represent natural objects or reproduce the effects that the painter has created by the use of a thousand tints. He has to present form and substance—to trick us by perspective and render the play of light and shade. He must translate into black and white the color values of nature or a painting. All of this he does—and more. He indicates the very character of matter so that in his picture we distinguish between earth and sky, the flowing stream and the overhanging trees, while flesh, hair and drapery are successfully imitated. Even the textures are so skilfully represented that we perceive the difference between velvet and satin, lace and linen and can say this is steel or that marble. Now these effects are so real that it is difficult for us to believe that what the eye sees is only white paper dotted or lined with black.

Need we hesitate then to regard a fine print as a work of fine art, or to consider the engraver as an artist, since he has produced these marvellous pictorial effects by the use of two such simple elements as the line and dot with a color scheme limited to black and white? I think it follows—when we consider the cost of prints—that in no other way at so small an expense, as by their purchase can we acquire good examples of art.

Certainly not in the photograph, for while the photograph gives quite exactly the linear proportion of objects, it does not give the true values in black and white of the colored picture that is copied.

It is no respecter of the color scale.

To emphasize this difference between a fine print and a photograph showing what we owe to the skill of the engraver in reproducing color relations, we have here Fredrich Muller's great plate of the "Sistine Madonna" and one of the best photographs taken direct from that painting. I think a comparison of the two pictures will make the difference in tonal values that exists between a fine print and a photograph perfectly apparent to you all.

In a print we have the work of an artist in which his own pictorial ideas are represented or the work of another interpreted; in neither case is it a simple mechanical reproduction. If the engraver reproduces the design of another artist, he should not be regarded as an imitator for we have seen that when he makes an engraving after a painting, he translates truly with chiaro 'scuro the coloring of the picture—and abstracting the tints gives us only their values.

Charles Sumner very happily expressed this when he wrote "Bryant's Homer and Longfellow's Dante are presentations of the originals in another language." So is the engraving a presentation of painting in another material which is like another language.

If we turn to the examples left us by the great masters of engraving we find they have rendered not only the whole life and feeling of the picture reproduced, preserving the true spirit of the original, but they have added to this a touch of their own artistic sensibilities. And as many of the early masters were engravers as well as painters, engraving their own subjects, we have in their plates original conceptions in which the artist has written his thought and memories—and this is true of course of the painter-etchers of our own time.

Such original work was done by Durer on his copper plates and by Rembrandt—perhaps the two greatest names in engraving—and as Rembrandt printed from many of his plates it is by no means unlikely that a print of his, in an early state, may be an impression taken by the great etcher himself.

As to the artistic value of a collection of prints it may be said that with it we become "the heirs of all the ages," for a print goes where a painting cannot go—and it is apparent that one these translations of the master painters we of America must depend for much of our art knowledge.

From the practical side prints may appeal to us. They are not expensive. There are of course rare prints as there are rare books—impressions that bring hundreds and thousands of dollars on account of their scarcity or condition—but, these are by no means the most beautiful examples, nor ordinarily, the most desirable, and no one interested in prints need be deterred from undertaking a collection by the cost of these scarce specimens.

THE DAVIS COLLECTION.

"The prints hanging about this room have been selected from the library collection to illustrate the various processes of engraving, and the work of representative engravers as fully as our resources would permit." The speaker then entered upon a review of wood engraving the earliest of all.

Albert Durer, the speaker said, was the most important figure in the history of wood engraving, and through his influence it arose to the dignity of a fine art.

Albert Durer was born in Nuremberg in 1471, and died there in 1528. The son of a goldsmith, he followed his father's occupation until at the age of 16, expressing his determination to become a painter, he was given the opportunity to study. After serving his apprenticeship, he spent some time in travel—visiting northern Italy and Venice before settling down at Nuremberg to follow his profession.

The examples shown here are "The Four Riders" from the Apocalypse, two prints from "The Greater Passion," "The Last Supper" and "The Crucifixion," and four single prints, "Samson Killing the Lion," "The Holy Family with Three Rabbits," "The Holy Trinity" and "The Bath." A true appreciation of the greatness of Albert Durer can be found by comparing his work with that which had preceded it. In his compositions we have the expression of a great and serious mind influenced by a powerful imagination and there appears a unity in his work that until this time had been but dimly foreshadowed. No student of Durer can fail to be impressed by the sympathy that he had with his subject and the truth and tenderness with which that feeling was expressed. With him the accessories become of importance and the drawing is free, accurate and intelligent. No artist ever drew more frankly what he saw, no man ever saw more clearly. Not that excessive detail makes art, but Durer gives no detail without sacrificing the breadth and unity of his design.

Another famous German whose wood prints are shown here, and a contemporary of Durer, was Hans Burgmair, born in Augsburg in 1473. He perhaps ranks next to Durer as a draughtsman of that period. In conjunction with Durer he made many of the drawings for the Triumphal Procession of Maximilian, and he drew nearly all of the illustrations for "The Wise King," a work setting forth the wisdom and adventures of the Emperor Maximilian. Three of these prints from this work are shown.

After introducing other wood cuts of more or less importance, with brief sketches of the artists, Mr. Putnam turned to etching and said:

THE ETCHER'S ART.

"We will now turn to etching, although this does not follow engraving on wood; in point of time it may be considered before line engraving as many of the engravers on metal did preliminary work on their plates by etching. The etcher prepares a plate—usually copper—by covering its surface with a waxy ground; through this ground he draws his subject with a sharp-pointed instrument or needle, exposing the copper. Then about the edge a slight wall is raised and acid poured on to the plate; wherever the copper is left bare it is attacked by the acid and the lines eaten in. When those lines that are to appear lightest in the print are sufficiently bitten, the acid is poured off, and those lines protected by a coat of varnish. Acid is again applied to the plate, and this process of 'biting in' and 'stopping out' continued until the darkest parts are deeply enough bitten. The plate is then cleaned and ready for printing. To print from the plate it is covered with ink and afterwards all of the ink wiped from the surface, leaving ink in the sunken lines alone."

The speaker gave short comprehensive biographies of the great etchers as well as a faithful and interesting story of their works. He described the process of etching and eulogized Rembrandt whose great work demonstrates the power of an etching needle in the hand of a genius. Born in Leyden in 1606 Rembrandt died in Amsterdam in 1669, leaving over 400 etchings that collectively have never been equalled. He founded the Dutch school and his work completely represents every phase of it. "In his religious compositions," said the speaker, "his genius glorified etching and in his portraits he surpasses every one in the life-like delineation of character. His landscapes are truthful and picturesque views of his native Holland, admirably executed."

In speaking of the value of prints Mr. Putnam said that three etchings by Rembrandt, in 1893 sold at auction in London for the enormous sum of $28,500. The portrait of himself with sabre brought the highest price ever paid for a print, $10,000.

Speaking of the English etchers the speaker introduced the name of Sir Francis Seymour Hayden, not only the greatest etcher living but one of the greatest etchers of landscape that ever lived.

Two etchings by Whistler are contained in the collection. "Although the English school claims James Abbott McNeil Whistler," said the speaker, "we of Lowell may at least insist upon his Americanism. With all of his eccentricities Whistler stands in the foremost ranks of the world's etchers. Laughed at and scoffed, he kept persistently at work—following his own ideas until the day of appreciation came, when everything he did was pronounced perfect. And then, with true Whistler spirit he asked, 'If the work is good today, why was it not good when it was done?' The one man in the world best qualified to judge of their merits, Seymour Hayden, said: 'If I were compelled to give up my Rembrandts or my Whistlers, my Rembrandts would go first.'"

Line engraving, mezzo-tinting and stipple engraving were explained, with reference to the great artists in these lines, and specimens were pointed out.

The club members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Putnam's lecture and great interest was taken in the prints. Tea was served by the hospitality committee.

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CLAIMS SETTLED

CASES BEING DISPOSED OF OUT OF COURT.

The cases resulting from the Riverside Park explosion are being settled right and left. It is understood that the companies involved are anxious to settle all claims out of court and 239 cases have already been adjusted. While some of the claimants settled, it is alleged, for much less than was stated in their claims the majority of them are satisfied to the extent that they would rather take a less amount and avoid litigation. It is understood that the Dupont Powder company, one of the alleged owners of powder kept at Riverside Park, is not a party to any of the settlements thus far made.

BRYAN MEETS McCLELLAN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—William J. Bryan called on Mayor McClellan today at the city hall. The mayor was summoned from a meeting of the board of estimates to meet Mr. Bryan.

MADE GOOD START

Committee on Education Down to Business

The committee on education, Alderman Gallagher chairman, held its first meeting last evening and got right down to business without waiting for the usual petitions to come down from the city council.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the city had bought a site, last year, for a new school house in Centralville, and that in the immediate future one ought to be built.

It was also stated that there was need of more accommodations at the Highland and Grand street schools.

The committee voted to make a trip of inspection on Monday afternoon. The schools mentioned, and the Centralville lot, will be visited, and if there is time the committee may make a further inspection.

ROCHAMBEAU COUNCIL, R. A.

The regular meeting of Rochambeau council, Royal Arcanum, was held last night Regent Cossette presiding. During the evening considerable business of importance was transacted. The following notice relative to the Rochambeau council appeared in the current issue of the Royal Arcanum Bulletin:

Rochambeau Council, No. 2064, initiated thirteen members December 20th as a fitting introduction for the trial of the Kempton ritual. It has a degree staff of fourteen young men connected with semi-military companies whose experience in that line served them in good stead in the different stages of the floor work. Rochambeau Council has been in existence only eight months. It was organized with twenty-nine members, and closed the year with fifty-six, having had only one death, that of Brother L. E. Richards, its first secretary, who perished in the explosion last July, and no suspensions.

The council, however, is now larger by 12 members than the 56 spoken of here, having recently held a class initiation in which that number were admitted.

Dr. Geo. E. Caisse, physician of the council, has received his commission as medical examiner of the Royal Arcanum.

L'Union St. Joseph held its regular meeting last evening at St. Joseph's hall. President J. S. Laplerre presiding. Routine business was transacted, after which Treasurer Turcotte gave his report of the whist party given Feb. 10 by the union. The fine sum of $57.45 was realized. One new member was admitted into the organization at the meeting.

C. Y. M. L. MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Lyceum of St. Patrick's church was held last night and it was unanimously voted that the lyceum would have a table in connection with the coming parish bazaar.

It was decided to appoint a committee of 100 to act in conjunction with the ladies of the table to complete plans and a meeting of said committee is called for next Tuesday night at C. Y. M. L. hall.

PROBATE COURT.

The following wills were presented for probate at Cambridge, February 23: Caroline Bulfinch, Cambridge; E. W. Kelley, Malden; A. C. Benner, Townsend; H. A. Morrill, Reading; C. H. French, Wayland; Michael Murphy, Ayer, Pollie Gallup, Everett; J. A. Smith, Concord; D. P. Richards, Cambridge; B. F. Kendrick, Newton; Margaret Dasy, Malden; Louisa Gookin, Somerville; S. O. Howe, Hudson; Eliza Ham, Everett; W. S. Dobson, Waltham; Nina Lovering, Newton; J. W. Haines, Cambridge; Anna Buxton, Newton; George Somes, Newton; J. F. Hutchinson, Lexington; Susan Metcalf, Newton; Addie Nelson, Arlington; Sarah Fayle, Malden; Edward Gately, Newton; Ellen Stevens, Stoneham.

Administrations: A. A. Upton, North Reading; Laura Woods, Cambridge; H. E. Bathrick; Sarah Clement, Arlington; L. F. Dutton, Winchester; Morris Levit, Cambridge; Peter Brown, Hudson; Bridget Reagan, Pepperell; J. P. Tirrell, Somerville; C. H. Ford, Lowell; Sarah McLain, Natick; Mary Perry, Somerville; Anna Starkey, Somerville; P. J. Sexton, Cambridge; P. H. Smith, Sudbury; Angeln Viano, Cambridge; C. F. Brooks, Cambridge; John Cookson, Medford; Jane Pendergrace, Wakefield; E. S. Richardson, Malden; Mary Keenan, Malden; C. C. Blanchard, Malden; Mary Friend, Somerville.

Kimonas at $1.50, at Oriental Bazaar.

SKULL FRACTURED

HUGHEY JENNINGS IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 26—Hughey Jennings, the crack first baseman and captain of the Baltimore baseball team, who has been coaching the Cornell university team here this season, met with a serious accident yesterday, which may end his career as a player.

After putting the university candidates through their usual stunts Jennings stripped and prepared for a plunge in the water tank. Through some neglect there was no water in the tank at the time. Jennings, being ignorant of this, plunged headlong into the tank, striking the bottom with a frightful crush.

Several attaches of the gymnasium, hearing his cries, quickly rushed to his rescue. Messengers were hurriedly sent for physicians, who quickly responded, and after a hasty examination it was found that Jennings had sustained a fracture of both wrists and probably a fractured skull. He was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition. His condition is reported as serious.

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SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.48	8.50	6.00	7.04
6.23	7.40	6.30	7.25
a6.29	7.30	7.45	8.53
a6.42	7.55	8.25	9.0[illegible]
a7.01	8.05	a9.00	9.37
a7.34	8.10	a10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.53	a11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	a1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.48	12.25	a3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.59	4.14	5.30
a1.50	2.30	a5.00	6.37
a3.03	4.20	5.15	6.25
a4.47	5.30	a5.47	6.54
4.55	5.30	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	a7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	a8.30	9.05
a6.23	7.05	10.30	11.34
a7.39	8.10	11.30	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
a4.30	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.34	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a8.50	10.15	a7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	a8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.35	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.06
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.06	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.59	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
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7.00	8.00		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

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Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stable. Tel. 439-4.

Fred C. Church held the insurance on Salmon Sirk's building on John street, damaged by fire yesterday afternoon.

A two-story house at 852 Central street is to be sold at auction on Saturday afternoon, on foreclosure of mortgage. This will probably sell low and offers a chance to get a home cheap.

M. Little & Co., Bridge, corner Third street, show Reliance Corsette house dresses and wrappers at 99c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 up to $2.29. The largest assortments of clean, up-to-date, genuine Reliance garments shown in Lowell. Only polite, painstaking and agreeable people in the department or about the store. Ladies from all sections of the city are cordially invited to pick their new spring wrappers from this vast stock.

GRAND DUKE AT CANNES.

CANNES, France, Feb. 26.—The grand duke George of Russia and his wife arrived here today. There were loud cheers for Russia as they passed through the streets on the way to their hotel.

MORNING FIRE

STILL ALARM FOR CHIMNEY FIRES.

A child with matches was the cause of the fire which summoned the fire department to a house in Lawrence street near the corner of Church street belonging to Arthur Vinal at 10.13 o'clock this morning. The damage was slight.

The building sits in the rear of another building, and while the woman who resides on the top floor went out she left her three-year-old child in a room on the floor below. The child procured some matches and set fire to some pieces of cloth which were on a sewing machine. In a short time there was a merry blaze in progress, but it was discovered by one of the occupants of the house before it had gone far and an alarm of fire was sent in from box 35. When the department arrived it was only a case of a few minutes before the fire was placed under control, a stream from the chemical doing the business.

THREE CHIMNEY FIRES.

Three still alarms for chimney fires kept the department on the jump for several hours last night.

At 6.33 o'clock hose nine was summoned to a house on Emery street near the city farm where a chimney was afire.

At eight o'clock hose nine was again called out, this time for a chimney fire in Quebec street.

At nine o'clock the members of engine two were called to a chimney fire in the Barney block in School street, near Middlesex street.

OVERSEERS MET

Married Man in Pauper Office

ACTION IS DEFERRED ONE MONTH

When New Eligible List Will be Out

The overseers of the poor held their regular monthly meeting at the City hospital yesterday and while little business was transacted, the matter of filling the place left vacant by the death of the late James Walsh was informally talked over but without action being taken and the discussion did not take place during the meeting.

There are several candidates in the field and few of them are on the civil service list. The position commands $700 after the clerk has learned the routine of the office, but he will not receive that amount at the start.

The board has not yet asked for an eligible list and in all probability will await the result of the examination which is to take place next week. The three men at the head of the list at the present time are Stanley W. Qua, a law student; Everett Gray, son of Alanson Gray, the provision merchant, and John F. Robinson, foreman for W. H. Wiggin. Mr. Qua is studying law, Mr. Robinson is reported to have said that he would not take the position. But Mr. Alanson Gray was present in the interest of his son. At the present time John F. Courtney is temporarily filling the office. Mr. Courtney has worked for Mr. Walsh periodically for several years and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office, but as yet he has not taken the examination. The chairman of the board expressed himself as in favor of a married man holding the position. The matter will rest for a month and by that time there will be a new list.

Six members answered the roll call at 4.40 o'clock and Mr. Eastman came in later. Messrs. Dunn and Duff were the absentees.

The records of the previous regular meeting and those of the special meeting, at which two new berths were created in the corps of ambulance drivers, were read by Secretary Courney, and on motion of Overseer McCoy were accepted.

Dr. Donlan's monthly report showed a total of inmates now under his care to be 466; it showed also that during the past month 305 tramps were recorded the hospitality of the wood yard.

Overseer McDermott submitted a partial report for the committee on outdoor relief, of which he is chairman. He stated that the committee had been waiting to see what action the appropriations committee would take on the recommendation of the committee for an appropriation of $2000 to transfer the wood yard to the ambulance yard and to establish a store there also. He mentioned incidentally that the appropriation had been recommended by the committee but the whole matter had been held up in the common council by Councilman Barry, and that the committee would now have to wait until the matter adjusted itself before they could go ahead with the arrangements.

Secretary Courtney called attention of the board to the recent death of James Walsh, the late clerk of his department, whom, he said, had been connected with the department more than twenty years continuously. He has been an efficient, conscientious and faithful servant and I think the board ought to take some official recognition of his death," said Mr. Courtney.

It was voted then that a committee of three be appointed to draw up a suitable set of resolutions and report at the next meeting. The chair appointed Messrs. McCoy, McDermott and Robert on that committee.

Adjourned 5.55.

LAWRENCE WOMAN

FOUND NOT GUILTY OF KEEPING DISORDERLY HOUSE.

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Lillian Hutchins, a respectable-looking woman who came to Boston some months ago from Lawrence, has had an unpleasant experience with the police, but which ended happily in the second session of the municipal criminal court yesterday afternoon before Judge Parmenter.

Miss Hutchins was arrested several days ago by the police of division 5, on charge of maintaining a disorderly house at 463 Tremont street, and her trial was held yesterday afternoon. It resulted in her complete exoneration and she was discharged as soon as the testimony was in and her lawyer had made his argument.

The testimony showed that Miss Hutchins, who is a dressmaker, moved to Boston some months ago and rented a flat at 463 Tremont street, without knowing anything of the people who were her neighbors. The number of her suite was 2, and there was evidence that some time after she moved in there with her sister, a woman who formerly had massage parlors in suite 1 of the same house, suggested to Miss Hutchins that it was foolish for both of them to pay full rent for a suite when by moving in together they could get rent for half price, and all hands have plenty of room.

An advertisement was produced at the trial which showed that immediately after this arrangement was made the woman who had spoken to Miss Hutchins announced in an afternoon paper that she would like to have her friends know she had moved into suite 2, and to have them call on her. The police were quick to see this announcement, and patrolmen in citizens' dress were sent to see the place. There was testimony from these scouts that they had seen and talked with the woman, but none of them could say that anything in the nature of improper suggestions had arisen in the brief talks they had with Miss Hutchins. After she had been in joint possession of the suite three days, the police arrested Miss Hutchins. The other woman, the police say, ran away. The only evidence the police could bring against Miss Hutchins connecting her with the massage parlor business was that she had agreed to pay half the rent. There was abundant evidence on her side, however, that she knew nothing of the character of the other woman, and, in fact, that she didn't know anything about massage parlors or the name which they bear among the police and public generally.

PEOPLE'S CLUB

REV. MR. KENNGOTT DELIVERS HIS LECTURE.

At the People's club, last evening, Rev. George F. Kenngott entertained a large and appreciative audience with his now celebrated lecture upon the Yellowstone Park, the wonderland of America. The lecture was superbly illustrated with stereopticon views, the machine being manipulated by Walter Perham of Chelmsford. Mr. Kenngott began with a few pictures of the journey to the park, including scenes at the Denver Christian Endeavor convention. Then he showed Billings, Mont., with its Indian characters, and in rapid succession displayed some of the most picturesque features of the reservation itself. These included canyons, terraces, cliffs, geysers in action, springs, lakes, grottoes, cascades, rapids, falls, trees, and all the variegated scenery making up the country where creation appears still to be going on. The talk was interspersed with entertaining anecdotes and was of a nature to hold, as it did, the unwavering interest of Mr. Kenngott's auditors. Many of the views were handsomely colored, and there were several snapshots taken by the party of which the lecturer was a member.

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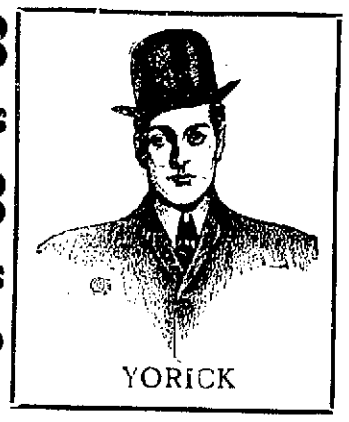

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The Merrimack Derby
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